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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I have hunted and fished for over 60 years. The last 20 years I worked, we lived on a ranch on which we created a wildlife management area. I have watched what has happened to the land, fish and wildlife when commercial intrusions and roads have been permitted based on some wealthy developer's or company's substantial contribution to politicians. The Chugach and Tongass are especially important because many jobs are already provided, jobs that may well be lost if current road protections are not upheld.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77, by selecting the 'no action' alternative. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Sincerely,

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