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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I would like to emphasize the importance of preserving land free from human intervention. This is the last bastion against loss of what was originally present across much of the west. Once damaged it will never be the same so that thousands of years of evolution and growth will be lost. As such it is vital to the future success of the human race since it a reservoir of diversity. For example this is important for maintain vigorous salmon stocks wildlife populations. The minor incursions caused by hunting and fishing pale in comparison to logging which destroys landscape, streams and wildlife.

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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