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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Living in California for more than 70 years, I have seen how over development has reduced important habitat for fish and wildlife. Our state is now having to spend billions of dollars to protect, restore, and re-develop habitat that could have been protected in the first place.

Do the smart and right thing - continue to protect fish and wildlife habitat Alaska's National Forests. Once natural areas are compromised, you can't get them back.

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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