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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am very concerned about overdevelopment and human encroachment into our cherished wilderness areas. It is clear to me our current administration wants to undo the progress we've made in this effort. Thus I join Trout Unlimited in its battle to preserve and leave untouched the Tongass wilderness thereby keeping this fishery thriving.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. 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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