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## U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I am concerned about the possible plan to destroy the Roadless Rule in Alaska. I am asking the U.S. Forest Service to keep the rule as it currently is. With climate change such a serious issue, it is critically important that we keep this forest intact in order for the trees to continue to absorb carbon dioxide. We need all the intact forests we can get. Please do not weaken the Roadless Rule. Thank you.

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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