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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I live on the Siletz River in Oregon. This area is extensively clearcut. The fishery in the Siletz is rapidly declining and the clearcutting is believed to be a major contributor to this decline. Don't let this happen on the Chugach and Tongass.

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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