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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

As a resident of Oregon I've seen the negative effects on fish populations due to logging roads, clear cutting and general commercial development whether it be roads, housing or dam and hatcheries. Alaska has some of the last pristine fish habitat on earth. If Alaska loses it the planet loses it. Please work to conserve a truly unique and precious resource.

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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