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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I camp and fish streams in the Tongass 77 for steelhead and salmon. Logging and roads cause siltation of spawning beds. Without anadromous fish, the forest will wither from lack of ocean nutrients. The economic value of preserving fish and wildlife, not to mention quiet solitude, far outweighs that of logging. Preserving intact wildlife and anadromous fish watersheds such as Tongass 77 is important for the economy and way of life of Southeast Alaska.

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. 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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