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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I spend 2 weeks a year Steelhead fishing in the wilderness area of Northern BC flying to a remote river and camping on one of the few wilderness wild roadless areas a person can experience. The Alaska remote areas must be protected for present and future generations. The US has far to few areas for an experience like I have been able enjoy and roads are not necessary. Please stop the ending of the roadless rule.

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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