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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Growing up eating wild venison, salmon, mushrooms, berries, seaweeds, and harvesting other plants such as devils club would not have been possible if it weren't for the Roadless Rule. Growing up commercial fishing, I was able to witness the most lush places in southeast, Alaska. As well as witnessing areas such as on Prince of Whales that are desolate due to logging.

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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