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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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.

Having fly fished for coho up in the tongass National Forest, it was disappointing and frustrating to see all the clear-cuts leaving no canopy for the streams. Later it came out in the Ketchikan newspaper about a horrible fish kill due to lack of canopy and creating warmer stream Waters.

Enough! Please stop being so damn greedy and mean with our natural resources.

Sincerely,

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