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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The entire west coast Steelhead fishery is currently under serious strain with record low returns. Need to do everything to help the recovery as well as protect these irreplaceable fisheries as wild protected areas with a safe barrier from potentially damaging industries.

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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