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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I have to ask: haven't we learned our lesson on harvesting timber (old growth no less) when it comes to protecting salmon and steelhead habitat? This would be a catastrophic move that would forever change one of the last pristine places in North America and it would have devastating effects that would alter the landscape of Alaska. Leave it alone!

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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