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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

After visiting the Chugach and Tongass NF in 2010 I was amazed at the wonders of nature around me. What a shame it would be to go back and discover roads and clear cut trees. It is sad that we tend to give up the wonders of nature for "progress".

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77, by selecting the 'no action' alternative. 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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