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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

CC: Alaska Congressional Delegation and Federal Administration

I support the no-action alternative to leave the 2001 Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass National Forest. We must continue to phase out old-growth clear-cut logging and instead prioritize restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams that contribute to the growing fisheries and tourism-based economies of Southeast. To that end, please conserve the Tongass 77 and TNC priority areas in the final Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

Comments: *\*(Eg: list locations you recreate, or why you value Tongass fish & wildlife)\** [Text italicized for emphasis]

There is no justification to exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule. The Tongass needs that protection so that our major economic drivers can continue, which are commercial fishing ( my husband does) and tourism (my daughter does).

[Box unchecked] I would like to get more involved in the campaign!

*\*By taking this action, you are consenting to receive future communications via phone, text message, email, or mail from Sitka Conservation Society and its partners working to protect the Tongass. \** [Text italicized for emphasis]

[Position]