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Dear Alaska Roadless Rule Planning Committee,

I am a visitor to the lands and waters of Alaska. The wild, intact roadless area in the Tongass National forest and the Chugach NF are a large part of why I am here. Visitors like me come to witness the vast, beautiful stands of old-growth trees that cannot be found on such a scale anywhere else in the United States. We come to crew on commercial fishing boats. We come to hunt, fish, and hike in America's largest and 2nd largest National Forest. That is why it is important to me that the 2001 Roadless Rule remain in place on the Tongass National Forest. *Please select Alternative 1, the no-action alternative,*[text bolded for emphasis] and the best option for Alaskans.

I strongly oppose any efforts to weaken protections for Roadless areas in the Tongass National Forest and the Chugach National Forest. The Forest Service needs to continue phasing out old-growth clearcutting. Please prioritize conservation of the T77 and TNC conservation priority areas in any new Alaska Roadless Rule. The Forest Service should focus on restoring degraded watersheds and fish streams and carbon sequestration.

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