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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Hi, I'm an avid trout and salmon fisherman who has made a couple of trips to Alaska, one with my 12-year-old son. The Alaskan wilderness is a resource of inestimable value for anyone who values nature. The two weeks I have spent there were among the most memorable in my entire life and I know my son feels the same way about the week we spent fishing there this past summer. Although I have never been to the Tongass National Forest, I would very much would like to visit it and find it in the same condition others have found it up to now. Therefore, I urge you to maintain roadless area protections at their current level, or even to strengthen them further in order to preserve our remaining wilderness areas. Thank you. Sincerely, Gabriel Ondetti.

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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