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Comments: I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to the 2001 Roadless Rule in Alaska. I support the no-action alternative (Alternative 1) which would keep all of Alaska under the original rule.

The Tongass National Forest is vital habitat for the Alexander Archipelago wolf, grizzly bears, salmon, and the world's largest breeding concentration of bald eagles. This pristine natural environment must remain protected to ensure the longevity of Alaska's commercial salmon industry. This forest is an irreplaceable resource in combating the ongoing climate crisis through carbon sequestration. The natural beauty of the Tongass makes it a popular tourist destination as well, bringing in income for local communities from visitors.

I support Alternative 1, which takes no action and would leave all of Alaska under the 2001 Roadless Rule, including the Tongass National Forest. This is the only option that allows for healthy retention of this vital resource.

Thank you for your time,

Heather MacFarlane

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