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Comments:

I am a Alaskan who has made a living here harvesting salmon commercially and for subsistence. I am voicing my strong support for the Roadless Rule in the Tongass.

This rule has been working well to balance logging and other uses with preservation of the irreplaceable old-growth forest that is essential for healthy habitat for salmon and other wildlife. These are renewable resources which support local fishing, recreation and tourism jobs. I believe it is essential to preserve the old-growth forest that provides these opportunities.

As a taxpayer, I believe the loss of old-growth forest and the cost of building roads in remote, rugged areas is not justified, especially with the negative environmental impacts on salmon habitat.