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To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting these comments in opposition to changing the current "Roadless Rule" in Southeast Alaska. Born and raised in Wrangell, Alaska, and even serving as an Assembly Member and Mayor, I have seen the economic struggles of the community. I have also seen the resilience and renewed energy to create an alternative economy, based on fishing, marine services, and recreation. Changing the Roadless Rule would create more uncertainty, raise the hopes of community members who have moved on from old growth logging, and ultimately result whiplash economics that does more harm than good. The ecology is recovering. The economy is recovering. The people are recovering.

Furthermore, the logging projects in Southeast do not pencil out. Taxpayers spend more on road construction than is returned in profits from the sale of timber.

Thank you for your consideration.