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Dear Secretary Perdue,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any modification to the Roadless Rule in Alaska. The changes that are being proposed would undermine safeguards and facilitate increased old-growth logging in the Tongass and Chugach National Forests. The Roadless Rule protects over 2.5 million acres of productive old-growth and prevents the fragmentation of large unbroken landscape.

Scientists overwhelmingly agree the cutting of old growth trees for timber will put whole systems at risk and destroy wildlife habitats. This rule change will promote further, as well as rapid destruction. The agency's mission is "Caring for the land and serving the people." The Forest Service should strive to protect the Tongass National Forest and ensure our public lands serve the people and wildlife of today and future generations.

Thank you, Michele Ritzinger