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Comments:

I grew up in Ketchikan and continue to live in Southeast Alaska. I appreciate, and depend on, the Tongass National Forest for food, work, and lifestyle. I support the multi-use direction and management currently outlined in Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan including the T77 watershed protections and existing roadless areas. I do not support subsidized road building, subsidized timber harvest, or old growth tree export from federal or state lands.

In consideration of changes to the Roadless Rule, I recommend the Forest Service determine the acres of land currently in roadless areas that are 1) viable for road building and 2) economic for road building.

There are many miles of road across the Tongass in varying levels of condition. I recommend the Forest Service allocate needed monies to maintain all roads on the Tongass before considering any additional road building.

Alaska, Canada, and Russia hold the only remaining wild salmon habitats in the world. The Forest Service has a responsibility in conserving these remaining wild salmon habitats on the Tongass. I recommend all unroaded areas within T77 watersheds remain unroaded to conserve valuable habitats and protect fisheries, tourism, and other long term Alaskan economies.