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Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

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Re: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking #54511

Of the 46 years I have called Alaska home I have lived, worked and played in the Tongass for all but three of those years. Currently I live in Juneau and Tenakee Springs. These days I almost exclusively fish and explore Tenakee Inlet. I do not want to see the productivity or beauty of the inlet impacted by the inevitable changes that would come with changes to the current roadless rule. Certainly removal of roadless rules would open Tenakee Inlet old growth roadless watersheds to clear-cutting by heavily subsidized large scale logging operators.

Tenakee Springs is a very small community that is home to a few commercial fishermen, a charter operator, a small wood products operator, a few B and B operators whose clients are recreational fishermen and eco-tourists who all depend on the productivity of watersheds that feed Tenakee Inlet for their livelihood. Upper Goose Flats, Goose Flats, Saltery Bay, Seal Bay and Crab Bay are currently protected by the 2001 Roadless Rule and by the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan and I hope they retain that status. Almost all fulltime residents depend on the productivity of these areas to feed their families with subsistence harvested salmon and deer. A change in the productivity of these habitats could impact every family.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

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