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Comments:

Alaska Roadless Rule = No Action Alternative

Dear Comment Period Alaska Roadless Rule,

The Tongass and Chugach National Forests are special to many Alaskans and are the gateway to our state for hundreds of thousands of visitors. I've lived near, worked on, fished, hiked, boated and other-wised explored and enjoyed these unique assets to our state. My family spends most weekends on the Chugach and I was lucky enough to live on Prince of Wales Island for several summers. Keeping the Roadless Rule intact is essential to keeping our fish and wildlife populations thriving, our communities and economies healthy, and my family (and thousands like ours) enjoying the recreation opportunities that inspired us to move and stay here. The recent Tongass Forest Plan Amendment process demonstrated that there are community supported ways to address land management challenges and protect important places like the T77 and other important fish and wildlife areas -- the push to reverse the Roadless Rule is the opposite of community supported decision making and completely out of touch with how a majority of Alaskans envision the future. The nearly overwhelming opposition to weakening the roadless rule at community hearings is evidence of this. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77, by selecting the 'no action' alternative.

Sincerely,

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