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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Although I have never been to SE Alaska to fish or view the country there, I consider these public lands part of my family's heritage as U.S. citizens who have paid their taxes and served in uniform or as public servants in a variety of fields including natural resource use and protection. These types of decisions must be made within appropriate framework of existing environmental law and regulation with the included ability of U.S. citizens to be able to express their views on how these decisions are made. The anadromous fish (and other species) that depend on the old growth forests, clean, clear freshwater that flows from this forest on the Tongass are critical to their very survival. Nothing less than maintaining this roadless rule for future generations will do.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Chugach and Tongass National Forest and in supporting their associated fish and wildlife-based industries for more than 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77, by selecting the 'no action' alternative. Roadless areas are an important of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

I strongly suggest you take the "No Action" alternative!

Sincerely,

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