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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

This area remaining roadless is important to Alaskans. The only reason this is happening now is in order for outside economic interests to come in, rape the resource and leave as quickly as possible and leave Alaskans to clean up the mess. That's the short term version of economics. Doesn't put a penny in the pockets of Alaskans, only outside interests who care very little for the land, only the \$ they can extract and leave.

Keep OUR environmental protections in place. The long term economics bring in money from wildlife-based industries and tourism, based in ALASKA. To cut down this forest is criminal. This area is an integral part of an ecosystem.

Leave it alone! The old cattle call of 'it creates more jobs' has worn out its welcome here.

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.

Sincerely,

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