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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The U.S. Forest Service should NOT create a new rule-making process that would greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests called 'Roadless' areas. Logging and road-building increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often blocks salmon migration, and adds to an already out of control backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration, which occurs at the taxpayers' expense. Alaska is known as 'the last frontier' thanks to its treasured, intact and healthy fish and wildlife habitat. On the Tongass and Chugach national forests, roadless area designation protect these values and should not be over-turned. The Chugach and Tongass Forests are two of few places in the world where wild salmon, steelhead and trout still thrive. People throughout Alaska and the rest of the country depend on and enjoy their healthy productive rivers and the wild fish.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

**NO PEBBLE MINE and STOP THE LOGGING!**

Sincerely,

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