

Date submitted (Alaskan Standard Time): 12/17/2019 12:00:00 AM

First name: Dennis

Last name: Reed

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

HC4039

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

The Forest Service has amply demonstrated it cannot be entrusted to provide good stewardship. Its tunnel vision lacks a holistic approach. Thus, it cannot see the forest for the trees. It has yet to fix a long legacy of damage to fish habitat which will take decades and perhaps centuries to heal. There is a need to be thinking and planning for food security. At the very least, the 77 watersheds need to be protected from further encroachment. These comprise the reserve we dare not dip into.

The Roadless Rule has been instrumental in conserving the Tongass National Forest and in supporting its fish and wildlife-based industries for almost 20 years. Please uphold the Rule's protections for important fish and wildlife areas, including the Tongass 77. Roadless areas are an important source of food, jobs, and income through commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing. Salmon are part of Alaska's culture and we must protect them and their spawning streams.

Sincerely,

Dennis Reed

Wrangell, AK 99929

[Position]