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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

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 almost 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 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. Please do not roll back roadless area protections for habitat that our irreplaceable fish and wildlife populations need to survive.

Please do not, do not, do not reverse the Roadless Rule. Please do not cave in to the extractive industries and feckless politicians who would trade the long term wealth of the Tongass for short term monetary gain. It's not worth it. Listen to the science. Listen to History. Listen to the future.

The Tongass and its healthy old growth rain forest cannot be mitigated. It cannot be replaced. You KNOW this, so don't do it.

I've had the privilege of fishing all over Alaska. I'd like to be able to do the same with my children, and specifically, I'd like to be able to take them to one of the few primordial sites left on earth. Please don't take that away from them.

Thank you,

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Sincerely,

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