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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

There is no place in North America like these forests.. to change the Roadless Rule for a few people is both short sighted and selfish. You know what they say... "They don't make this anymore".. We must protect and clean up our world to rather than decimate it. As a result..

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. I am concerned that changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests. These activities increase sedimentation, hurt water quality, often block salmon migration, and add to an already large backlog of needed road maintenance and restoration.

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.

Sincerely,

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