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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat.

I am writing in support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska. For over a decade I have brought students to Alaska from Virginia and Maryland - to backpack and fish and get to experience one of the last remaining large untouched wilderness areas in the United States. I even purchased land in the Tongass for basecamp activities.

Clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests will alter the nature of the Alaskan wilderness. People visit (and bring their money to the local economy) because the Alaskan bush is something special, something that can't be found anywhere else in the United States. Please help us keep it that way.

Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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