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Dear Reader:

The U.S. Forest Service is initiating a rulemaking process to address the management of inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The attached Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Federal Register and begins a 45-day scoping period. The NOI includes additional information on the background, purpose, proposal, and scheduled meetings for the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule. As indicated in the NOI, comments must be submitted in writing by October 15, 2018 to ensure consideration in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Tu, Interdisciplinary Team Leader for the Alaska Roadless Rule, at (303) 275-5156 or [akroadlessrule@fs.fed.us](mailto:akroadlessrule@fs.fed.us).

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

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