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Mr. Don Hernandez
Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hernandez:

I want to take this opportunity to follow up on the testimony provided at the Southeast Subsistence Resource Advisory Council (RAC) on November 5, 2019 by Deputy Chief Chris French and Region 10 Director of Ecosystem Planning and Budget Chad VanOrmer. I apologize for not being able to attend in person. I value the important work of the council to ensure subsistence resources are sustainably managed for current and future generations.

At the meeting the RAC noted that the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking project leaves uncertain whether a full evaluation and determination of significance will be made for subsistence resources. I want to clarify further that it is our intent to complete a subsistence resource evaluation in the final EIS and include a determination of significance in the record of decision for the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking project.

I hope this makes clear our path forward with this effort. Thank you for the service you and other RAC members do to steward our public resources in Alaska.

Sincerely,

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cc: Deanna Perry, RAC Coordinator; Ken Tu, Roadless Team Leader; Chad VanOrmer, R10 Director

