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Mr. Bart Garber  
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Dear Mr. Garber:

In a recent letter dated July 30, 2018, I extended an invitation for you to consult and participate as a cooperating agency about a state-specific roadless rule to address the State of Alaska's roadless management and access concerns on the National Forests in Alaska. It was recently decided that the roadless rulemaking process will only apply to the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska and not include the Chugach National Forest. Due to the revised limited scope of the rulemaking process that excludes lands in Southcentral Alaska, I must recind my offer for you to participate as a cooperating agency.

I remain committed to exercising our special relationship for government-to-government consultation. I acknowledge that this change in the roadless rulemaking process may create some confusion. I am dedicated to ensuring a meaningful dialogue as we proceed so I encourage you to request a consultation meeting with Terri Marceron, Forest Supervisor for the Chugach National Forest, at 907-743-9525.

If you have any questions about this invitation for consultation, please contact the Alaska Region Tribal Relations Program Manager, Melinda Hernandez Burke, at 907-586-7089, or [mhernandezburke@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhernandezburke@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

DAVID E. SCHMID  
Acting Regional Forester

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