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The Honorable Sonny Perdue

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Secretary of Agriculture U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Ave., S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20250

Re: Roadless Area Conservation; National Forest System Lands in Alaska

Dear Secretary Perdue:

The Eyak Corporation (Eyak) is the Alaska Native Village Corporation for the Eastern Prince William Sound, Cordova and Copper River area established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. We have 550 shareholders, with approximately 100 living in Cordova. We submit the following comments on the Forest Service's Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and initiate rulemaking for inventoried roadless area management on national forests in Alaska (83 Fed. Reg. 4452-53, Aug. 30, 2018).

Eyak owns or has valid selection rights to over 90,000 acres of surface estate within the boundaries of the Chugach National Forest. As a for profit corporation, we have a fiduciary to our shareholders to pursue economic opportunities on those lands, including responsible resource development. Application of the Roadless Rule in Alaska is a significant burden on our corporation, our shareholders, and our community.

We appreciate the Forest Service's efforts to develop a state-specific Alaska Roadless Rule. We request the Chugach National Forest be included in that rule. Further, we support Chugach Alaska Corporation's comments requesting that the Chugach National Forest be added to the Alaska Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

The Eyak Corporation

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[Contents of letter duplicated in attachment]