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The Honorable Calvin Casipit  
Mayor  
City of Gustavus  
Post Office Box 1  
Gustavus, Alaska 99826

Dear Mayor Casipit:

Thank you for your letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue regarding the Alaska specific roadless rule and your request for an Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Section 810 hearing in the City of Gustavus on the Alaska Roadless Rule making effort. Secretary Perdue has asked me to respond. I apologize for the delayed response.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service held an ANILCA Section 810 hearing in Gustavus on December 7, 2019. In addition, the Forest Service held 16 ANILCA Section 810 hearings throughout Southeast Alaska in November and December 2019.

Throughout our work on the Alaska Roadless Rule, the Forest Service will uphold our mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of our Nation's forests to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Your comments will be taken into account as we move forward to develop a final rule.

Thank you for participating in this process and your interest in the management of America's National Forests.

Sincerely,



VICTORIA CHRISTIANSEN  
Chief





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Honorable Sonny Purdue  
Secretary of Agriculture  
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RE: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Purdue:

The City of Gustavus, Alaska has corresponded with you, Alaska Regional Forester David Schmidt, and Tongass National Forest Supervisor, Earl Stewart regarding the Department's efforts regarding the Alaska specific Roadless Rule. We sent detailed comments on Nov. 20, 2018 and Resolution CY19-31 (attached) to your Rulemaking team.

It is our understanding that your Rulemaking Team is nearing completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and identifying a preferred alternative. We are requesting that an Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act Section 810 public hearing be conducted in the City of Gustavus. Our initial comments highlighted our concerns about subsistence resources and many of our citizens rely on the Tongass National Forest for their subsistence needs of wild renewable resources.

Thank you for your attention.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in helping set up the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Calvin Casipit

Mayor - City of Gustavus

CC: Alaska Regional Forester - David Schmidt

Tongass Forest Supervisor - Earl Stewart



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