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Attn: Roadless State Petitions
USDA Forest Service
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Dear U.S. Forest Service:

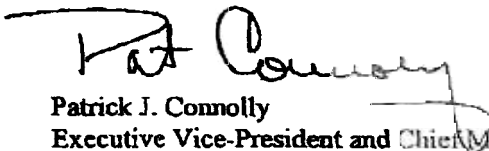
Williams-Sonoma, Inc. supports the Roadless Area Conservation Rule as it was issued in January 2001. The roadless rule was enacted to protect 58.5 million acres of our last wild forests. It ensures that our natural forests will continue to provide clean drinking water for millions of Americans, habitat for wildlife, and other important values.

While there may be some inconsistencies with the current rule, we believe overturning the rule would greatly reduce and have an adverse impact on our National Forests. We oppose any changes to this rule and respectfully request the U.S. Forest Service to maintain the protections for wild forests as contained in the January 2001 rule.

I am available for further comment should you request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Connolly
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