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Dear Sir/Madam: For forty three years we have plied the waters (via human power, sail, or power), hills and mountains of Prince William Sound. We have fished and chased every form of finned critters, molluscs, and crustaceans. We have revelled in the mystery of humpback, orca, minke, and right whales. From hummingbirds to bald eagles, seabirds to ducks, mergansers, kittiwakes and so many more, the Sound is rich beyond description, teeming with life. The absolute majesty of the Sound, still pristine, and glorious often beyond description, is without question one of the finest creations on this planet. Breathtaking.

And threatened. Ever increasing recreational and commercial boating, commercial fishing impacting shorelines and pristine waters with fishing detritus and waste, upland areas being overused with deteriorating fragile flora, human waste, illegal wanton tree cutting, contaminated waters, disgusting deer hunting practices and disregard for place. Shotgun Cove may someday bring many more to the Sound.

Threatened. With minimal protection and enforcement.

Prince William Sound is indisputably priceless in its pristine glory, but this gem of creation cannot continue without the strongest possible federal government protections. The Sound deserves full wilderness status, the strongest possible level of protection, for all future generations.

Therefore, I and my family urge the United States Department of Agriculture, and Church National Forest through its Church National Forest Plan, to not only designate the entire Prince William Sound Wilderness Study Area the strongest degree of full Wilderness status, but also to extend the current Area to the maximum extent possible.

Thank you,
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Anchorage, Alaska