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Chugach National Forest Supervisor Terrie Marcerone

Dear Marcerone,

I am writing to provide my comments during the Revision Phase II stage of the Forest Plan Revision process for the Chugach National Forest.

I first visited and camped in Prince William Sound as a child in the mid 70's. As a professional photographer, I have continued to visit and explore this amazing area to this day. In fact, the images used in this planning document are my images from an assignment for the Forest Service.

A few years ago as I met with some Forest Service researchers in College Fjords, I remember one of them making the comment "if this was anywhere else in the world, it would be a National Park." It is true, Prince William Sound is National Park worthy, and should be managed as such.

I would like to see the area to continue to be managed as to maintain its wilderness character. This includes keeping the current WSAs', especially the Nellie Juan College Fiord Wilderness Study Area - one of my favorite places on earth!

Thanks for your time,

Ron Niebrugge