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Comments:

Thank you for considering public input regarding the Chugach Forest Revision Plan. As a frequent visitor to various parts of the Chugach National Forest, I have developed a deep appreciation for the unparalleled beauty of this vast wilderness. Therefore, I urge the managers to limit future development of surface and subsurface materials, restrict timber harvest permits and constrain motorized use areas to existing boundaries. Expanding these consumptive practices will inevitably erode the pristine shorelines, forests and mountain ranges in the Chugach.

Specifically, I ask that the managers maintain current protections for the entire Nelli Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area. Reducing this protection to the proposed the 1.4 million acres will permanently alter areas of Prince William Sound that are iconic representations of Alaska.

The Forest Service should also protect the existing areas of Kenai Peninsula for non-motorized access. Restrictions on motorized use should also include all wilderness areas in Prince William Sound. Motorized and non-motorized users rarely overlap in a peaceful and safe existence. Therefore, strict boundaries are necessary to limit conflicts and preserve areas for "quiet" recreation. Turnagain Pass is a great example of successful management of these user groups. Let's keep it that way.

Southcentral Alaska is undergoing dramatic transformations in marine, aquatic and terrestrial environments due to climate change. The additional pressure of increased human access from motorized use and development is an unnecessary risk for such a unique ecosystem. Prince William Sound has already experienced one severe environmental disaster; the Forest Service should take exceptional measures to ensure future damage is not inflicted by enacting the proposed revisions.