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Comments:

Dear Ranger,

I feel strongly that the revised forest plan should carry forward the 2002 Wilderness Recommendations for the Nellie Juan-College Fjord Wilderness Study Area. The proposed plan recommends only 1.4 million acres of the WSA for Wilderness designation, removing protections for Knight Island, Port Wells, Harriman Fjord, Columbia Glacier, Glacier Island, Perry Island., Eshamy, and other wild places.

The revised forest plan should also protect significant blocks of the Kenai Peninsula for non-motorized use and future Wilderness designation. For those who cannot afford to fly into remote areas, wild places that can be accessed from the road are an extremely valuable resource.

The Forest Service should not allow recreational snowmachine use in the WSA or in any recommended wilderness areas. This would not preclude snowmachine use for traditional subsistence activities but would protect the quiet, solitude, and wildness of these places for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Hal Hallstein