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Please keep your longstanding promise to protect the wild character of the entire Wilderness Study Area until Congress finalizes its protection. This means maintaining and clarifying rules on all land-based motorized uses - including chainsaw use - and preserving the area's current undeveloped and non-motorized character.

The 1.9 million eligible acres of the WSA, and surrounding roadless lands eligible for wilderness designation, should be designated as Wilderness. Please do not abandon protection for the nearly 600,000 acres you propose to eliminate from the WSA.

Recreational snowmobile use in the WSA should also be prohibited. Snowmobile use has exploded in the WSA in recent years. Snow machines for subsistence and traditional uses may be allowed, but recreational snowmobile use should not be.

Management of the WSA should follow the Forest Service's Regional Office WSA direction, since ANILCA contains no substantive guidance on WSA protection.