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Comments:

I strongly support the continuation of any wilderness designations particularly in the Prince William Sound area and the larger Chugach National Forest. I am specifically noting the Nellie Juan Wilderness Study Area (WSA) which should receive stronger NOT weaker wilderness designation and potential future Congressional Wilderness designation. Wilderness values of the special kind found only in Alaska are particularly of high value in times where human kind has the upper hand versus nature. Especially in coastal regions which are generally prone to development and high use, it is necessary to protect these pristine coastal resources and preserve them for science and future generations.

In addition, the Copper River and Bering River area are very unique ecosystems that need further long term protection.

Potential mineral and forestry development should not be allowed or only in very small and sustainable ways mitigating all negative visual and environmental effects across the entire Chugach National Forest.

Continued restoration ought to happen under the Exxon Valdez Oilspill Restoration mandate as the effects of the oil spill remain evident in many areas of the Sound.

Lastly, additional non-motorized areas should be designated on the Kenai Peninsula where motorized access has left the landscape scarred for decades and this pressure is ever increasing. Only the federal land management agencies are able to do something against the inequality of motorized versus non-motorized use areas in Alaska. The state will never ever increase non-motorized areas.