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Comments:

Please don't destroy the Chugach National Forest. Protect the wild character of the entire Wilderness Study Area until Congress finalizes its protection. This would include 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 kept as wilderness. Do not abandon protection for the nearly 600,000 acres you propose to eliminate from the WSA.

Do not split the Wilderness Study Area into two smaller units. This would shrink the area by permanently stripping long-established protections for Knight Island, Columbia Glacier, Perry Island, Glacier Island, Culross Island, Esther Island, Port Wells, mainland Knight Island Passage, and Lake Nellie Juan.

Please prohibit recreational snowmobile use in the WSA. Snowmobile use has exploded. Snow machines for subsistence and traditional are a different matter, but recreational snowmobile use....You want to hear about how my daughters just about got run over while cross country skiing when they were just small children? They're crazy dangerous and and ruin the experience of a pristine place, not to mention the havoc and hysteria inflicted on wildlife.

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

In the Chugach National Forest, the Forest Service is entrusted to manage some of Alaska's most treasured wild lands in the Congressionally-designated 2 million-acre Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA. Changing that now by allowing residential timber harvests, expanded motorized uses, manipulation of habitats, mining, and helicopter-assisted skiing and hiking, would harm this beautiful Wilderness Study Area. Instead, the Forest Service should maintain current protections and recommend to Congress its perpetuation into the future. This wild area deserves permanent protection.