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Comments:

Please do not withdraw your longstanding promise to protect the wild character of the entire Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area until Congress finalizes its protection. This means keeping the wilderness characteristics of all 2 million acres of the Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA by maintaining and clarifying rules on all land-based motorized uses-including chainsaw use-and preserving the area's current undeveloped and non-motorized character. I recommend you keep all of the 1.9 million eligible acres of the WSA and surrounding roadless lands eligible for wilderness designation as Wilderness and forego your plans to abandon protection for the nearly 600,000 acres you propose to eliminate from the WSA.

Please reconsider your current recommendation to split the Wilderness Study Area into two smaller units as this would dramatically 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.

Only allow snowmobile traffic for subsistence and traditional uses. Prohibit recreational snowmobile use in the WSA.

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

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.