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Comments:

I am writing in support of the Chugach Forest Plan Revision #40816. It is nice to see the Forest Service acting proactively to manage federal lands rather than deferring to the "hands off" approach advocated by some. Although the "hands off", "all natural" approach can be appealing to the uneducated public, it often leaves our National Forests over grown and more unnatural than taking some management steps to keep the lands healthy. As any informed observer knows, proper timber management and other management tools can be valuable tools to land managers in restoring lands to healthy conditions.

Although wilderness designations sound warm and fuzzy to an uneducated public, they often harm our forests by preventing necessary management to keep them healthy. I fully support this effort to open up a portion of this Wilderness Study area to proper management efforts.

Sincerely,

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