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Comments:

This plan is horrible.

The National Forest Service should be a steward of wilderness, not its worst enemy. It should keep its longstanding promise to protect the wild character of the entire Wilderness Study Area until Congress finalizes its protection by preserving the area's current undeveloped and non-motorized character.

The NFS should continue to protect * the nearly 600,000 acres you propose to eliminate from the WSA., and recommend the 1.9 million eligible acres of the WSA and surrounding roadless lands eligible for wilderness designation as Wilderness.

The NFS should also drop the incredibly stupid recommendation to split the Wilderness Study Area into two smaller units. This plan as it now stands would permanently strip 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.

Snowmobile use has exploded in the WSA in recent years, scaring wild life away from valuable food resources.. Snow machines for subsistence and traditional uses should be allowed, but not recreational snowmobile use.