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Greetings,

I write, as a concerned US citizen and someone with a specific desire to visit Alaska someday, to ask that the Chugach National Forest:

- Recommend the 1.9 million eligible acres of the WSA and surrounding roadless lands eligible for wilderness designation as 'Wilderness', and not abandon protection for the nearly 600,000 acres currently proposed to eliminate from the WSA.

- Keep its promise to protect the wild character of the entire Wilderness Study Area until Congress finalizes its protection, including maintaining and clarifying rules on all land-based motorized uses (e.g., chainsaw use) and preserving the area's current undeveloped and non-motorized character.

- Reverse the recommendation to split the Wilderness Study Area into two smaller units.

- Prohibit recreational snowmobile use in the WSA.

- Follow the Forest Service's Regional Office WSA direction, since ANILCA contains no substantive guidance on WSA protection.

Thank you for your time,  
Charles Byrne