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Comments:

As a resident of Alaska, a recreational user of Prince William Sound, and a former USDA Forest Service employee of the Chugach District, I recommend preserving wilderness and Prince William Sound as much as possible. The proposed revision could jeopardize the current economic value and recreational opportunities of Prince William Sound. Please consider the following points-

? Recommit to the long-standing Alaska Region policy to preserve the area's wilderness character, with clear language to leave it undeveloped, untrammeled and nonmotorized (boats, airplanes, and snow machine traffic would continue under ANILCA's "traditional activities")

? Follow the 1994 Exxon Valdez oil spill recovery plan's goals to restore the Sound's recreation, wilderness and conservation values.

? Recommend Congress permanently protect Knight Island and the rest of the wilderness study area to secure today's protections for the future.

? Recommend purchase of subsurface estate on all Exxon Valdez oil spill acquired lands and manage them for conservation and wilderness purposes as stipulated in the purchase agreements.

Thanks.

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