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Gentlemen/Women:

It came to my attention recently the Chugach National Forest, in its Land Use Plan Revision, intends to weaken current controls pertaining to the Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA. I see absolutely no defensible position for this change and encourage you to strengthen, not weaken or broaden what has been in place for many years. It appears there is a buckling to special interests who desire access with motorized equipment and increased timber harvest. Once you turn this corner I am certain you realize the door you are opening can never be closed. That this pristine area has been designated for wilderness consideration is evidence it holds more value in its natural state than it would should its designation be diluted. There is ample evidence in the lower 48 for what happens when areas that hold incredible wilderness character are abused by misguided decisions, even those well-intentioned ones.

May I please encourage you to leave the N J-C F WSA as is...or preferably move it to Congress for official wilderness status. Thank you.

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