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Comments:

On behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, I urge you to protect the Chugach National Forest. First, there should not be any development of coal, oil or gas resources in the Chugach National Forest. Leasing of public lands for fossil fuel development is inconsistent with the national policy to address climate change. Second, protect the habitat and conservation values of the Copper River, Bering River, Martin Lake and River, Katalla Rivers and watersheds. Third, protect the 1.9 million acre Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of western Prince William Sound for designation as Wilderness and manage it as wilderness until such designation is made. Finally, we also incorporate by reference the comments submitted by Rick Steiner.