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Gentlemen:

As a nature photographer who has visited various venues in Alaska over the past twenty years, I strongly urge you to not change the current protections in the Land Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest. It is imperative that you preserve the wilderness character to leave it undeveloped, untrammled and non-motorized. I urge you to continue to follow the 1994 Exxon Valdez oil spill recovery plan's goals. Furthermore, I think you should recommend to Congress that they permanently protect Knight Island and the rest of the wilderness study area.

During a recent trip to the area in the summer of 2015, I was shocked by the absence of black bears during the salmon spawning season. I urge you to institute controls over the unregulated hunting of that specie. I have traveled widely around the world in search of natural beauty and wildlife. That world is shrinking at a rapid rate. Prince William Sound and its surroundings are one of the few accessible sites in the world that still maintain a strong semblance of virgin nature. Please preserve it.