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Comments:

Dear Sirs, Though I have lived most of my life in Georgia and only recently have moved to Montana, I've visited Alaska as a tourist 6 different times and plan a 7th trip this summer. The beautiful wildlands of Alaska are the property of all Americans, not just Alaskans. The Chugach National Forest is one of Alaska and the world's great treasures, and the Forest Service has been entrusted with its' protection. The Chugach contains the 2 million acre Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area. I am writing to oppose what appear to be proposals to loosen some of the protections afforded this area for almost 40 years. Please keep the area as one intact, contiguous area, rather than dividing it into two smaller units. Please continue NOT to allow motorized uses in this area, including use of helicopters , chain saws for residential timber harvesting, or off road vehicles or snowmobiles for recreation. This is a potentially magnificent wilderness and should be given full protection along with the wildlife it contains until Congress can act to designate it as such. Mining also has no place in wilderness or potential wilderness. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this special place. Sincerely, Jerome Walker, MD