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To the United States Forest Service and any interested parties,

I am writing to convey my concerns regarding the implications of Chugach Forest Plan Revision #40816.

The lessening of protections and restrictions to uses of USFS uplands on the western Sound will be detrimental to the wilderness experience for us and for future generations. There are few areas so relatively easily accessible with the Wilderness designation. All areas that have managed to keep that status through the decades up to now should be preserved. Once touched, the land may never go back to it's original, natural, and wild state.

USFS regional policy should remain intact.

The NJCF Wilderness Study Area should retain its' protected wilderness status.

With growing pressure to increase resource exploitation, a recommitment to preserving and maintaining the wilderness character of the Sound should be made.

It is my hope that future generations may have the same opportunity to experience the wilderness as we know it.

"Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity"

? John Muir, Our National Parks