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I agree with my friends from the Eyak region, concur with Rick Stiener's contributions, and echo, echo, echo those who speak for the trees and voiceless animals of the watersheds of Prince William Sound with the following summary:

- 1) The eastern Chugach - including the Copper River/Bering River/Martin Lake & River/Katalla Rivers and watersheds - area should be protected as critical salmon and wildlife habitat and continue to allow existing use for fishers and subsistence harvesters;
- 2) The original 1.9 million acre Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of western Prince William Sound should be recommended to Congress for designation as Wilderness; the WSA should continue to be managed as Wilderness and remain the same size until it is congressionally designated;
- 3) The Forest should be withdrawn from mineral and forestry activity; and additional protective conservation acquisition areas should be identified;
- 4) And the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Restoration mandate for the region must be upheld.

The Proposed Forest Plan Revision, as written, is unacceptable and must be re-written to preserve the region more completely and managed primarily for the protection and conservation of fish and wildlife habitat as ANILCA intended.

Go back to your laptops, Forest Planners! You still have work to do. The planet is under seige by the billions and billions and billions of tons of carbon our exploitative economy has spewed into the atmosphere (and oceans), causing climate chaos ... and this is the best offer you can put on the table?? C'mon Forest Service! It's 2016! Maximize wilderness! Let's save what little we have left.