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To whom it may concern:

Restore strong protection to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. These lands were acquired for the restoration of wilderness values and must be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes," as promised when they were purchased.

The Chugach National Forest must address ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA, which has resulted in damaging tree removal along dozens of wilderness beaches, including in sensitive areas.

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It's important that these important wilderness areas are preserved for future generations of wildlife, and for scientific study. Allowing them to be potentially wiped out by industrial development, accidents or expansion, could mean a major impact on the bears, fish species, wolves, moose, and other animals.

Thank you for consideration.