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Comments:

The Forest Service's Draft Land & Resource Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest in Alaska should be focused on protecting the wilderness character of the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area, not simply, and pathetically, its existing character. The Plan should also protect the wilderness character of the lands in the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area by classifying all of them as Primitive standard.

The best alternative proposed is Alternative D, which recommends the maximum amount of land for wilderness of any of the Alternatives (97% of the Wilderness Study Area, or 1.884 million acres). I would like to see a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.