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Comments:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project.

I am asking for the following changes to the current proposed Forest Plan:

The Plan must protect the wilderness aspect of the WSA, not the Forest Service's weak proposal to protect just its "existing character." I suggest classifying all of lands in the WSA with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard, which is the most protective standard in the agency's recreational classification system.

Please 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.

Another item that needs to be addressed is ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA, which has resulted in damaging tree removal along dozens of wilderness beaches.

Alternative D recommends the maximum amount of land for Wilderness of any of the Alternatives (97 percent of the WSA, or 1.884 million acres). I support a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.

Thank You,