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Comments:

The current proposed forest plan needs to be changed in the following ways:

1. The 1.9 million-acre Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area's (WSA - even has wilderness in its name!) primitive wilderness character needs to be protected and preserved under the 'primitive' (most protected) standard.
2. The lands that were acquired by the federal government after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill 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.
3. The 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, must be adequately addressed.
4. I support a modified Alternative D (97% of the WSA - 1.884 million acres) wilderness recommendation that also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for conservation and restoration of wilderness following the oil spill.

Thank you for your considerations of these additions to and revisions of the Chugach Forest Plan Revision #40816