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Comments:

I support all efforts to protect our vanishing wilderness areas, whether designated or not, for future generations. They are our country's most precious assets and any decisions that affect them should involve the least intervention and highest levels of protection.

Specifically, I urge you to:

* 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.

* Please address illegal use of chainsaws in the Chugach NF.

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.