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Comments:

The current proposed forest plan must ensure that the "wilderness character" of the WSA is protected by classifying all of them with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard.

These lands must be strongly protected from brazen commercial interests that destroy entire ecosystems like the Exxon Valdez spill did.

The Chugach NF 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.

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 for your consideration on this vitally relevant matter,

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