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Dear Decision Makers,

I am writing to request the following changes to the proposed Chugach Forest Plan.

1. It must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not just its "existing character" as proposed.

Furthermore, the Plan must protect the wilderness character of the lands in the WSA by classifying all of them with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard.

2. The Plan must restore strong protection to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

3. Illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA must be stopped - there must be plans included to prevent this activity.

4. 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.