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Comments:

Thanks for letting me comment on this issue. As you know Alaska's wilderness means a lot to me as I travel there to explore it's wilderness. Here are a few things I would like to see happen: The plan must protect the "wilderness character" 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, which is the most protective standard in the agency's recreational classification system. 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. 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. Thanks