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Comments:

The Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA is an ecological and scenic treasure. It is nearly two million acres of ancient rainforest, wild salmon, and stunning mountains and glaciers.

Failure to provide protection to this land will create damage that can never be restored. Soon our environment will be so polluted that it will not be able to sustain us.

I am asking the Forest Service to please improve your plans for the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area (WSA) in Alaska with the following statements:

1.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.

2.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.

3.Restore illegal removal of trees along wilderness beaches, including sensitives areas

I also 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.