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Prince William Sound Wilderness Study Area

To: Chugach National Forest's Supervisor's Office, Attn: Draft Land Management Plan, 161 East 1st Ave., Door 8, Anchorage, AK 99501

I am writing to urge you to choose Alternative D Wilderness Recommendation but also all the areas that will uphold the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill purchase agreements, which were intended to restore and maintain the areas wilderness qualities. These additional areas include the most remote and wild ares in the Chugach, including USFS acquired lands around Junction Island, Paddy Bay, Hogan Bay and Jackpot Bay and Elrington Island (MA1 and MA6 areas). It should also include monitoring the conditions in the Wildeness Study Area (air quality, recreation impact, etc. so that this still injured wilderness area can be responsibly managed. All protections and rules for responsibly managing wilderness areas should be clearly stated and included in the plan so that all user groups understand them.

I have lived in Alaska for almost 40 years and was living in SE Alaska when the Exxon Valdez oil spill occurred. The effect on our region, our wilderness wildlife both in and out of the water, the quality of life for Alaskans in commercial and subsistence activity, were dramatically and negatively effected by the spill. The effects continue to impact us all.

Sincerely,
Libby Stortz
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