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Supporting Wilderness Values in PWS

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Re: Supporting the concept of keeping the Nellie Juan - College Fiord Wilderness Study Area intact with Alternative D and the inclusion of EVOS purchased lands in Dangerous Passage and Knight Island.

Dear Chugach National Forest Management Plan Revision Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the WSA and Alternative D Plan for Prince William Sound.

As a Board Member for Gulf of Alaska Keeper, recreational user and volunteer doing marine debris clean up throughout the PWS since 1985, I take very personally the duty to help protect the resources, natural beauty, wildlife, and wilderness of Prince William Sound.

Since, my recommendations for changes to the Plan mirror the more detailed comments of the Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation (access by clicking here), my proposed changes will be succinct.

1. Restore the 1984 and 2002 forest plan language to maintain "wilderness character" of the WSA.
2. Restore wording to the Monitoring Program to include monitoring of air quality, invasive species treatment, campsite restoration, protection of sensitive sites, and other on-the-ground measures.
- 3) Manage the lands purchased after the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes"
- 4) Add a Forest Order to clearly deny use of chainsaws except for subsistence purposes in the WSA.
- 5) Choose Alternative D Wilderness Recommendation, with the addition of the Nellie Juan Lake area, USFS land on Elrington Island, and the EVOS-acquired lands around Jackpot Bay, Paddy Bay, Hogan Bay, and Junction Island.

Thank you for your continued efforts to maintain the pristine, wild quality of PWS for future generations as well as our own.

Sincerely,

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"We are impoverished if we remain strangers to one another.."
Elizabeth Alexander