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Dear Sir or Madam:

* I am writing to urge you to consider the following points on the Chugach Forest Plan Revision #40816 ("Plan"):

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* - The Plan must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not just its "existing character."

* - 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.

* - Restore strong protection to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

* - 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.

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- 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.

Thank you,

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