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Subject: Chugach National Forest Revision Comments

Denise & David,

I have been going through the comments for the Chugach National Forest Revision and I've seen a remarkable amount of identical comments with little or no change. As I dug further into it I found a website that is promoting anybody who will to use their bullet points and submit them for comment. This is the website if you want to see for yourself.

<https://wildernesswatch.salsalabs.org/chugach>

All the comments submitted to the Chugach Forest Revision with one or any of the follow are from ONE organization Wildness Watch:

- \* The Plan must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not the Forest Service's weak proposal to protect just its "existing 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.
- \* 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.
- \* 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.
- \* 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.

Wildness Watch asked their 17,000 plus followers for help to submit comments to Chugach Forest Revision Plan and most if not, all have no vested interest in using or visiting this area are flooding the comments with these copy/paste letters.

Please just take the mass amount of these comments at their face value of ONE organization that wants to shut anything possible down for public use and doesn't care of the consequence of the people that live here and love and experience the land.

This group is against:

- \* Mountain Biking
- \* New trails into the wilderness
- \* Land development
- \* New roads
- \* Snowmobile use
- \* Hunting
- \* And something crazy about illegal recreational use of chainsaws.

Thank you and I just wanted to bring this to your attention.

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