

Oct. 27, 2018

Good day,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Chugach National Forest draft land management plan (LMP). Please implement a **STRONG** protective final plan.

Alternative D has the largest wilderness recommendation - most of the WSA - and some good management language. Please add the language "maintain wilderness character" as it speaks of keeping a clear meaning related to the areas natural, undeveloped, and ~~untrampled~~ untrammelled qualities.

The language on snowmachines in ^{WSA} ~~WAS~~ is good. The proposal to develop a WSA stewardship plan is good.

Please recommend ▽

- Wilderness (all) as WSA lands.
- Keep EVOS - acquired lands as Recommended wilderness.
- Commit to ~~acquired~~ ^{acquisition} of subsurface _{over} →

EVOS - acquired lands.

- Recommend Montague as Wilderness.
- Very important to keep the current and longstanding commitment to maintain the wilderness character of WSA. Changing the language to from "existing wilderness character" to "presently existing character" is not good.
- Keep EVOS-acquired lands in the wilderness management prescription.
- Clearly state that EVOS-acquired lands be main-tained "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes".
- Keep the current and longstanding commitment to monitor the wilderness character of the WSA.
- Assure proper Minimum Requirements Analysis (MRA) of all management actions affecting WSA wilderness character until Congress acts on the lands recommended for wilderness, a strong, protective management is so important.

Please care for the Chugach National Forest in a protective nurturing manner. Stewardship must be paramount. Sincerely,

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