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Ms. Terri Marceron

Forest Supervisor- Chugach National Forest

101 E. 1st Avenue, Door 8

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Chugach Nat'l Forest Plan Revision

Sent also via email to chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us

Dear Ms. Marceron,

Perry & I are the owners of SOUND PADDLER and have been outfitting kayakers out of Whittier in Prince William Sound, since 1981. Our original business name of Prince William Sound Kayak Center was changed to SOUND PADDLER a few years ago to reflect our SOUND advice to our clients, our SOUND experience & skills, and the area we paddle, the SOUND in Chugach Nat'l Forest.

We are writing to express our concern over the proposed changes to the Wilderness Study Area(WSA), still waiting for a wilderness designation from Congress since our opening 36 years ago. Common sense dictates that the WSA needs continued protection until that time. This area needs the protection to insure future use by our children and their children to come, in addition to your own.

Our business relies on this wilderness to attract paddlers from all over the world, many who have NEVER seen such unspoiled beauty. Our family relies on the seasonal income from our operation to sustain our needs and to live in Alaska.

Our family appreciates this opportunity to comment on the plan and hope you take this letter into consideration.
Thank you, Lois Solmonson

Perry & Lois Solmonson - SOUND PADDLER

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