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Comments: I am writing as an ecologist, educator, and parent who wants my daughters to be able to see real wilderness in their time. I hope the to protect wilderness in Alaska, including the Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA. Please accept my comments on the Forest Service Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA:

I hope the Plan will protect the [ldquo]wilderness character[rdquo] of the WSA, rather than the current wording [ldquo]existing character[rdquo], which is unclear. These lands should be classified according to the most protective standard possible for recreational classification, the Forest Service[rsquo]s [ldquo]Primitive[rdquo] standard.

I hope the plan will restore strong protection for the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. When they were purchased, these lands were promised protection [ldquo]in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes.[rdquo] I am concerned that promise will be broken.

I am concerned about ongoing illegal and damaging recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA, and I hope The Chugach NF must address this before more trees are unnecessarily lost to these illegal activities in sensitive areas.

I support Alternative D, which recommends the maximum amount of land for Wilderness of any of the Alternatives (97 percent of the WSA, or 1.884 million acres). I would want Alternative D to also include Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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