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Comments: Please find the attached Draft Plan and DEIS comment letter. Thank you

Dear Forest Supervisor,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the draft plan and DEIS. I support a modified Alternative D that also recommends Lake Nellie Juan for Wilderness.

The Draft Forest Plan describes Recreation Opportunity Spectrum characteristics in Table 7 and in the Glossary. The Draft Plan further describes that Wilderness management and ROS class characteristics are subject to ANILCA provisions. I recommend that the Final Plan and FEIS establish modified ROS definitions and plan components that address these Alaska specific provisions. For example, standards or guidelines should address allowances for any cabin and aircraft use in Primitive and Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized ROS settings.

Standard ROS setting components include Access, Remoteness, Naturalness, Facilities and Site Management, Social Encounters, Visitor Impacts, and Visitor Management. Appendix A describes ROS classes with supporting plan components. I recommend that the final plan and FEIS adopt these ROS descriptions after being modified by the IDT to address ANILCA specific provisions.

I also recommend that you establish WSA standards and guidelines to protect wilderness characteristics, including undeveloped and non-motorized natural settings. In addition, the plan should adopt Alternative D ROS allocations, which appropriately applies the Primitive ROS class to all WSA lands.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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