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This comment is for the Chugach National Forest open comment period. I am a resident of Nevada and have been submitting comments almost weekly in regards to the mass wilderness creation the Winter Wlldlands Organization has set into motion across the U.S. It has to stop.

Every DEIS that comes out has one thing in common less land for us the general public to recreate, work and enjoy as we see fit. Hiking, biking, hunting, riding, snowmobiling or hunting it's ALWAYS less for the public and more closed gates. Closure is not management.

First I want to say I am a father, a rancher, an outdoorsman, a winter sports enthusiast and most important a steward of the land. I have had to explain to my 8 year old son why every winter we travel to recreate there is less and less land to do it on. I am strongly opposed to the creation of new wilderness areas. The Chugach National Forest is a holy grail for winter sports activities and is in my plans to travel up there to experience it in all its glory.

Additional creation of wilderness in the Chugach NF would limit tourism, impede on families that benefit from the forest and create a playground for only the wealthiest and healthiest of people, the general public can not access these types of areas, the handicap can't hike up there. They can drive up and see it, experience it and ultimately enjoy our national forest's.

I support no alternative that excludes the public and creates more wilderness areas. Keep status quo and start managing the forest properly.

Thank you for considering my comment and you shape the history of our United States of America.

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