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Comments: To Denise Downie/Chugach NF/

As someone who has lived and worked in Alaska, including Chugach NF, I submit this public comment to the proposed Plan Revision. While it remains unbelievable that Chugach NF does not have any designated Wilderness at this time, the high quality Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area is high value in its own right and must be protected. There isn't any new wilderness being created. We must protect what we have.

Your Plan Revision proposal needs to protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, and classify those lands with the "Primitive" standard. Chugach NF needs to carry out better stewardship of the WSA as it is considered for designated Wilderness, and to take care of illegal uses, including the reported chainsaw use and damage to resources.

I support Alternative D, with the addition of Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Take pride in the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area as the only remaining option for Wilderness on the Chugach NF.

Thank you for the opportunity to make public comment on public National Forest issues.

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