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Comments: I am concerned about the proposed change of Wilderness Study area to the Chugach National Forest area. This land is important to the native people for hunting and other preservation of themselves and their culture. It would not be good to allow recreational snow mobile use in this area, because the thrill of riding snow mobiles for most recreational users seems to be to travel as fast as possible, almost out of control. That is very hard on land, animal habitats, etc. Also it would be bad to divide the area because that would leave out some important places or to allow people to proceed as if the law will be changed before it is changed. Chainsaw use among other activities should be restricted.

Opening up our public lands for use for mining fossil fuels is also unacceptable. We need forests to produce oxygen, and we already know that we cannot burn all the fossil fuels we have and still preserve the environment. For that reason there is no justification for sacrificing land for the purpose of obtaining more fossil fuels.

Please be very careful about what you do with this land. Once it is destroyed, it cannot be recreated.