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Comments: Holding back against the pressure to develop and minimize our truly wild lands is like trying to resist gravity. The economic forces to degrade these lands is omnipresent and incontrovertible. However, our impulse to set aside wild places to provide an anchor for humanity and wildlife, allows us to maintain sensitive land in its pristine state. Please preserve the protections in place for the Chugach Forest.

I am aware that this is an emotional argument against powerful economic pressures, but without these passionate pleas, we will be left with shreds of wildness diminished beyond restoration.