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Comments: The Forest Service should not remove Wilderness Study Area protection from any part of the Chugach. The temperate and sub-arctic zone rainforest is too scarce and too precious to yield any further concessions to mining or other development interests. The values that prompted WSA designation 40 years ago have become more compelling, not less.