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Comments: I am in complete disagreement with the U.S. Forest Service's proposed plan to loosen protections throughout the area of the Chugach National Forest. This would mean disaster for the area. There are many reasons to maintain these protections, including the health of our planet; which means the health of our future.

Once these pristine areas are violated and abused there is no going back. In the Chugach National Forest, the Forest Service is entrusted to manage some of Alaska's most treasured wild lands in the Congressionally-designated 2 million-acre Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA. Changing that now-by allowing residential timber harvests, expanded motorized uses, manipulation of habitats, mining, and helicopter-assisted skiing and hiking-would harm this beautiful Wilderness Study Area. It defies common sense. Instead, the Forest Service should maintain current protections and recommend to Congress its perpetuation into the future. This world-class wild area deserves permanent protection now and far into the future