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Comments: The importance of wilderness areas has always been important to this nation as a means to protect and preserve our natural heritage and provide important habitat for wildlife and important recreational opportunities for its peoples. The need for the above will become even more important in the future as our natural resources become increasingly scarce. I, therefore, support the following measures:

1. That the Chugach National Forest continue to protect the wild nature of the entire Wilderness Study Area until its protection is finalized by Congress. This means no development and no motorized or chainsaw use.
2. The entire Wilderness Study Area plus the surrounding roadless areas (1.9 million acres total) should be designated as Wilderness.
3. The Study Area SHOULD BY NO MEANS be split into smaller units but should remain whole to provide wildlife corridors which will become increasingly important as global warming requires wildlife to migrate to more hospitable areas.
4. All snowmobile use, except for traditional uses, should be prohibited.
5. Management of the Study Area should follow the Forest Service's Regional Office WSA direction.

Thank you for considering my input.