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Comments: I have just browsed a magnificent book about the national forests of Alaska. There is nothing to compare with such beauty which serves the entire planet with its support of wildlife. Its forests also help to provide clean air for us.

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!

Please protect our fragile planet by protecting the Chugach for keeps.

Thank you sincerely,