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Comments: I am writing to you to ask that you continue to protect the wild character of the entire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) within the Chugach National Forest until Congress finalizes its protection. Please preserve the area's current undeveloped and non-motorized character. An excellent way to accomplish this goal is to designate the 1.9 million eligible acres of the WSA and surrounding roadless lands as Wilderness. Such designation would limit motorized activities, including chainsaws and snowmobiles.

In addition, I am asking you to reverse the recommendation to split the Wilderness Study Area into two smaller units. This would dramatically shrink the area by permanently stripping long-established protections for Knight Island, Columbia Glacier, Perry Island, Glacier Island, Culross Island, Esther Island, Port Wells, mainland Knight Island Passage, and Lake Nellie Juan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.