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Comments: To the United States Forest Service and any interested parties,

I am corresponding to express my distress regarding the implications of Chugach Forest Plan Revision #40816.

The lessening of protections and restrictions (or allowing the potential of) to uses of USFS uplands on the western Sound are ill conceived. USFS regional policy should remain intact.

The NJCF Wilderness Study Area should retain its' protected wilderness status.

The Exxon Valdez recovery plan has yet to meet its' protection and conservation goals as remnants of the oil spill are still visible on the western Sound. The herring and orca populations have yet to recover.

With growing pressure to increase resource exploitation, a recommitment to preserving and maintaining the wilderness character of the Sound should be made.

It is my hope that future generations may have the same opportunity to experience the wilderness, as we have.

Thank you,

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