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Comments: I have been kayaking in Prince William Sound since the spring of 1983. With the exception of the Exxon oil spill the next biggest threat to the Sound has been the ill conceived road tunnel.

Over the years the Sound has steadily been environmentally damaged by human traffic.

I witness unregulated commercial kayak groups 10-18 people in number take over popular camping sites for days on end, along with power boaters establishing semi-permanent camps leaving behind human waste, garbage and trampled vegetation, fire pits in the forests. Last year commercial jet ski trips into Blackstone Bay pass through the narrow low tide area between Willard Island the the Mainland with total disregard for

Nestling birds and flocks of sea birds that feed and rest in the shallows of the area. Just the idea the State has allowed this use is a disgrace to the environment, and the Quiet Sport users of the Sound.

The Sounds needs more regulation of users not less. All commercial recreational groups should have to go through presentations like the ones users go through in Glacier Bay. All users should be educated on 'Leave No Trace' material. That information should be available as it was from all commercial outfitters, water taxis and harbor masters. Patrolling the Sound is essential for violators of hunting, fishing and land use rules.

Prince William is the Jewel of Sound Central Alaska and the State is allowing it to be trashed under commercial pressure. I volunteer as a Kayaking ranger. You ca. Contact me anytime

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