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Comments: As a wilderness lover, my recommendations about this world-class area support permanent protection now and forever as follows:

(a) Reverse the wrong-headed recommendation to divide the Wilderness Study Area (WSA) into two units, which would 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.

(b) Maintain a commitment to protect the wild character of the ENTIRE WSA until Congress finalizes its protection. This means maintaining and clarifying rules on all land-based motorized uses and preserving the area's current undeveloped and non-motorized character.

(c) Recommend the 1.9 million eligible acres of the WSA and surrounding roadless lands eligible for wilderness designation as Wilderness.

(d) Prohibit recreational snowmobile use in the WSA. Snow machines for subsistence and traditional uses may be allowed, but recreational snowmobile use is not appropriate.

(e) Management of the WSA should follow the Forest Service's Regional Office WSA direction, since ANILCA contains no real guidance on WSA protection.