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Comments: I am writing today regarding the Nellie Juan College Fiord Wilderness Study Area - Alaska. I strongly urge you to keep stringent protections for this wilderness area in place. Do not allow protections to be watered down and weakened. The survival and intactness of the entire area is at stake!

Please ensure these protections for this area:

- * Keep your longstanding promise to protect the wild character of the entire Wilderness Study Area until Congress finalizes its protection. This means maintaining and clarifying rules on all land-based motorized uses- including chainsaw use- and preserving the area's current undeveloped and non-motorized character.

- * Recommend the 1.9 million eligible acres of the WSA and surrounding roadless lands eligible for wilderness designation as Wilderness. Please do not abandon protection for the nearly 600,000 acres you propose to eliminate from the WSA.

- * Reverse the idiotic 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.

- * Prohibit recreational snowmobile use in the WSA. Snowmobile use has exploded in the WSA in recent years. Snow machines for subsistence and traditional uses may be allowed, but recreational snowmobile use is not allowed and should not be.

- * Management of the WSA should follow the Forest Service's Regional Office WSA direction, since ANILCA contains no substantive guidance on WSA protection.

Do not let protections for this area become lax. Keep them strong.