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Chugach National Forest Plan

Dear Forester:

Having been to the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve in Alaska on a two week trek with the Sierra Club, and having worked for 30+ years with The Mountaineers in Seattle on national forest (old growth) and wilderness issues in the Pacific Northwest, I wish to urge the USNFS to recommend as much wilderness protection as possible in its revised management plans for the Chugach National Forest. I fully accept Gary Snyder's dictum that "in wilderness is the salvation of the world," and having worked on so many timber battles I know that once an area is lost to commercial activities, it can never be recalled to its original, pristine ecological integrity. There are places in the Chugach that deserve permanent wilderness protection--now!-- and I urge you to do everything possible to effect this wilderness designation in this congress.

Thank you.

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