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Comments: Thank you so much FS for letting me comment on this very important issue. I am a total wilderness freak and I so much cherish our wilderness system, there are just not enough of them and I think designating wilderness in this forest would be a smart move. Please keep your longstanding promise 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- including chain saw use- and preserving the area's current undeveloped and Non-motorized character. Do NOT abandon protection for the nearly 600,000 acres you propose to eliminate from the WSA. Recommend the 1.9 million acres of the WSA and surrounding roadless lands eligible for wilderness designation- AS WILDERNESS. Prohibit recreational snowmobile use in the WSA. Snowmobile use HAS exploded in the WSA in recent years. Snow machines for subsistence and traditional uses are OK. The management of the WSA should follow the FS's Regional office WSA direction, since ANILCA contains no substantive guidance on WSA protection. Remember that wilderness designation protects water quality and clean air and we need that here in America and wilderness gives us a place for quiet recreation.

Again Thank You. Steve