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Comments: After reading the Chugach National Forest plan revision, here are my comments:

Goals and desired conditions for the forest should include natural quiet in some areas. In particular the backcountry desired conditions (MA 4-DC-02) should include natural quiet along with natural appearance. Exemplifying "southcentral Alaskan rugged beauty" should include our natural soundscapes. I would like to see natural quiet be a desired condition in some accessible backcountry areas. It is very difficult now to avoid hearing internal combustion engine noise from a combination of boats, vehicles, snow mobiles, trains, and aircraft. Standard MA 4-DC-01 should also include "natural quiet" after "solitude and isolation."

I like the section of the plan on Ecological Sustainability under objectives. A good addition would be to assess where human caused noise is disrupting natural habitats and take management steps to reduce noise impacts in a few areas.

Guideline FW-g1-GL-10 should be changed to include "...avoid or minimize human activities AND NOISE near important..."

I worry about people and pets getting caught in animal traps. I would like to see a desired outcome that recreational safety is not diminished by hunting and trapping activities, at least near established trails and trail heads.

Economic activity involving commercial logging should not diminish the ecological sustainability of any forest lands. Any logging should not be clear cutting, so that roots, soils, and sporadic standing trees remain. The plan section Guideline FW-G1-GL-17 could add a statement to this effect.

Under FW-G2-DC-10 I would add "and rehabilitation" after enhancement. This could include rehabilitating Resurrection River from gold mining damage over the previous century.

Under Special uses (recreation) Guideline FW-G2-GL-16 should include "and wildlife" after "local users".

The Sustainable Recreation and Sustainable Infrastructure sections should include establishing or helping to establish a hut-to-hut system in the Chugach National Forest.

Under Guideline MA 5-GL-12 larger group developments and amenities should be allowed along rail corridors as well as road corridors. This may especially impact developments near the Spencer Glacier.

Under Descriptions of use or activity and Outfitter/guide assigned site is defined (p43). It is unclear from this definition whether or not the site is exclusive for outfitters and guides. Clarification would be helpful. I hope other users can work politely with outfitters and guides to share sites on public lands. One of my friends took the Alaska Railroad to the Spencer Glacier stop with the intention of boating the Placer River. Concurrently a guided group was also boating this river. My friend was made to feel very unwelcome at the put in site and along the river by the guide/outfitter, despite deferring first use to said outfitter in all circumstances. When a commercial entity obtains a permit to operate in the park it should be made clear to all parties whether or not the commercial activity excludes non-commercial users from sharing sites and facilities. No one should be made to feel unwelcome while legally using public lands.