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Comments: Having spent many many days recreating throughout all areas of PWS and the Chugach National Forest since I was born here in Alaska, I have come to realize that the degradation of wilderness comes from the commercial services and the folks that hire commercial services to access the above said areas. The availability of public use cabins is nearly zero now that commercial operators have clued prospective customers in to the idea that they can book a cabin for a minor fee, and I'm guessing that a majority of the folks that book the cabins never step foot in Alaska, much less a remote area such as PWS or CNF. With that being said, even if they do make it to PWS or CNF, do they have the education necessary to leave the areas they reach as pristine as they found them? The commercial operators should be held accountable for any trash left behind, that should be a given. In regards to cutting down any trees, it's also a lack of education. PWS and CNF are wet areas and the trees don't burn very well. If you're going to make a fire, do it out of drift wood. Hunting and fishing opportunities have diminished in PWS because of commercial operators taking advantage of the Whittier tunnel. They need to be limited or stopped all together until further studies are made in regards to how commercial services affect the fish and game populations.

People who live out of state and are members of national conservation organizations should be allowed to voice their opinion in regards to the potential change in the WSA but should also be urged to step away from the TV and computer screen, stop copying and pasting the generic letters that your particular organization has told you to push onto this comment board, and come see Alaska for yourselves (without commercial services of course)

Respectfully,

Dustin Tallman