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Comments: I believe that

1) The eastern Chugach - including the Copper River/Bering River/Martin Lake & River/Katalla Rivers and watersheds - area should be protected as critical salmon and wildlife habitat and continue to allow existing use for fishers and subsistence harvesters;

2) The original 1.9 million acre Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of western Prince William Sound should be recommended to Congress for designation as Wilderness; the WSA should continue to be managed as Wilderness and remain the same size until it is congressionally designated;

3) The Forest should be withdrawn from mineral and forestry activity; and additional protective conservation acquisition areas should be identified;

4) And the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Restoration mandate for the region must be upheld.

Thanks for giving this your attention.

Peace, Liz McLoughlin