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Comments: Chugach National Forest Supervisor,

As an avid recreational user of Prince William Sound I strongly believe that the FS should continue to protect the wild character of the entire Wilderness Study Area until Congress finalizes its protection. This means preserving the area's current undeveloped and non-motorized character. Recent studies indicate that substantial degradation to the wilderness quality has occurred due to increased usage. To help maintain the high quality of visitor experience in the Wilderness Study Area I would recommend that the Chugach National Forest consider the following points:

Public outreach and education; inform visitors of policy and regulation guidelines and the importance low impact practices when camping and traveling within the Wilderness Study Area

Enforcement; regular patrols to educate the public and enforce regulations in high use areas and during peak visitor use times

I would urge the FS to not reduce the size of the WSA. The FS should recommend that Congress designate the entire WSA as a wilderness area.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,

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