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Comments: The Chugach National Forest, and specifically the Prince William Sound area, is in need of more protection. I spend 50+ days on the sound a year for work and pleasure. The last 2 years have seen an explosion of use around the Whittier area. Overnight camping in the Decision Point and Blackstone Bay area has become very popular. Just a few years ago I would rarely see other campers in Blackstone Bay, this last year there were few days where I didn't see tents set up at at least one of the beaches. Between small private trips and larger organizations like NOLS, BSA, and large guided trips, some of these campsites are being destroyed. Trash, toilet paper, and human waste litter the popular camping areas in the Whittier area. Much of this is not caused by campers but by boaters who come ashore to go to the bathroom, build bonfires, etc. I understand that not everyone has the time/money/ability to visit the Sound on human powered craft. But for those who do, it's a great sense of accomplishment that is diminished by motorized craft, especially jet skis. The Chugach has set up a great compromise at Turnagain Pass, allowing skiers the opportunity to enjoy certain areas without snow machines. I know that there is a difference in management between waters of Prince William Sound, and Turnagain Pass, but I am hopeful something could be done.

The Prince William sound is one of the most beautiful areas in South Central Alaska, and we would do ourselves a disservice by not offering it the protection it needs and deserves.