

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 2/19/2016 5:27:25 AM

First name: Karen

Last name: Ruud

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am now submitting comments to state that I strongly support including the entire Wilderness Study Area in the evaluation of the Chugach National Forest Plan Revision. This unique area is a gem that must be deemed wilderness , and this should happen now before various infractions invalidate this attribute.

The 500,000 acres from the 2002 plan that were excluded should be reinstated, thus retaining Knight Island ,Wells Passage and Columbia Glacier area. I also believe personal- use timber cutting is incongruous with wilderness, The USFS is stretched to adequately enforce its provisions now, and adding timber harvest to allowable activities would be nigh impossible to monitor. The entire wilderness area would then be at risk. Please, please do not allow this opportunity for wilderness to vanish.