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Comments: Please try to understand that the whole wilderness study area in Prince William Sound should be recommended as designated wilderness not just a portion picked as what you may think are prime areas. The whole WSA should be kept as primitive wilderness until all of it can be officially designated wilderness. Preserving the entire WSA as wilderness is crucial for maintaining a large enough primitive area to represent a true wilderness. This could be an awesome example in the future when mankind needs an example of what a true wilderness looked like before the over development of the world occurred. ANILCA designated the whole area as a WSA and I hope you do not give up on that dream by dropping some 600,000 acres from the recommended wilderness. The area of Knight Island / Perry Island should all be included and not omitted because they are incredible wilderness areas. I have visited many wilderness areas in the USA over the years and get a special feeling when I am in one and I get that feeling when I am hiking around on Knight and Perry in particular. The carrying capacity of the earth needs all areas still representing wilderness, to be saved as wilderness before the ecosystems collapse as is occurring with climate change from man made global warming. Please be courageous and stand up for Prince William Sound Wilderness within the Chugach National Forest by keeping all the WSA in the proposal for designated wilderness. Until that happens do not let piecemeal degradation detract from the pristine wilderness that is the WSA of Prince William Sound. / I really hope you do everything you can to preserve the wilderness aspect of the Chugach National Forest. I have been enjoying it for the past 28 years I have lived in Anchorage. I am especially concerned that you do all you can to preserve the wilderness aspects of the Prince William Sound area of the forest. I have a special attachment to the PWS. I worked on the sea otter rescue after the spill and then several seasons on the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game research vessel Montague doing commercial fishery spill research in 48 different tidal streams. I also have spent one to two months in the PWS every summer since then with my own boats. I used to do family trips there in kayaks accessed by train to Whittier. After the tunnel opened to cars the wilderness aspects have continued to diminish. I no longer do kayak trips rather carry kayaks on my powerboat to use at anchorages due to the heavy powerboat traffic. With the more traffic going into Prince William Sound through the Anton tunnel access I hope you can make more restrictions on activities that impact the wilderness aspects of Prince William Sound. It would be awesome if you could prohibit chain saw use and eliminate semi permanent camps that have been set up there by float planes. Please work with other agencies to not allow any fuel supply stations to be set up like was proposed in Herring Bay. The Chugach National Forest is a gem and I hope you do all you can to preserve the wilderness aspects for current and future generations to experience. Best Regards and thanks for your service.

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