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Comments: As a long time recreational user of PWS and as a former PWS kayak guide, I strongly encourage the USFS to consider adding/permanently protecting, or at least maintaining, acreage to the WSA in the Chugach National Forest. The PWS wilderness experience is quite unique and one that should never be placed in jeopardy. As citizens we need these wild places and with the increase in use of PWS, we need more to preserve these wild places.

I also strongly encourage the USFS to change the personal use timber harvest activity to "unsuitable" for MA 1,2,3 and 4 lands. If this practice were allowed, in my opinion, it would negatively impact the visitor experience.

In addition, I also believe the USFS should urge Congress to permanently protect all lands that are currently in the Wilderness Study Area and to permanently protect those lands in the 2002 Forest Plan recommended wilderness.

The PWS area of the Chugach National Forest should be protected from all development and should be managed now and in the future so as to provide for wilderness recreational experiences.