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Comments: Thank you for considering my comments. I am a resident of Valdez and have been involved in issues relating to Prince William Sound since the summer of 1979. I have contributed to the planning process for the Chugach at every opportunity over the past forty plus years. The protections that exist, especially for the Wilderness Study Area, should not be relaxed. We fought hard through the years to maintain and enhance those protections and I consider it a huge step backwards to remove any existing barriers to consumptive exploitation of the Sound or activity that will negatively affect it's wilderness character. Non-consumptive uses such as wildlife watching and recreational boating should be a top management goal in the Wilderness Study Area and in my opinion, for all Forest Service lands bordering the Sound. This approach makes sense on an economic level as well as aesthetically.