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Comments: As a resident of and one who recreates on the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound, I share concerns with others about parts of the proposed Chugach National Forest Plan Revision. I have spent much time in quiet coves and atop ridge lines on Perry Island, Eshamy, Glacier Island, Knight Island, and other places in Prince William Sound. My experiences there were formative. The stillness I found furthered a reverence for wild places. The Sound has seen much pressure from tourism while still recovering from Exxon-Valdez. If we cease to protect popular areas in the Sound, it will eventually risk the entire wilderness. That would be a great loss for this state and those who have a deep appreciation for the Sound.

It is also my hope that the Forest Service continues to protect significant blocks of the Kenai Peninsula for non-motorized use, and continue to protect wilderness areas from recreational motorized vehicles. I feel lucky to live in a place that values wilderness and connection to it. If we are to be good stewards of the land, it must be protected and human harm should be mitigated to the utmost extent.

Thank you for your time,  
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