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Comments: I have lived in Anchorage since 1985, and have regularly camped, kayaked, and fished in the Chugach National Forest and Prince William Sound since 1981. I worked in the commercial fishing industry in Prince William Sound in the early 1980s. Anyplace else in the nation, Prince William Sound would already be a cherished National Park or National Wilderness Area. The wilderness values of Prince William Sound might already be compromised by use, but if anything, the Wilderness Study Areas should be enlarged, not reduced. Pristine forest and water supports the commercial and sport fishing industries, the tourism industry, small outfitters, guides, and merchants. Wilderness designation protects these uses and wildlife and fish habitat. Logging and wood cutting are not compatible with these needs. I would be willing to see some limitations on my use of Chugach National Forest lands and waters in Prince William Sound if that's what it takes to protect the Sound. Thank you.