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Comments: I first saw the Prince William sound in 1995 as a deckhand for an EVOS funded scientific charter studying the declining octopus populations. I saw firsthand the oiled beached of Green Island, as well as the sunken oil samples from the Bligh Reef marker. The Sound is a complex ecosystem that supports our food chains in immeasurable ways. To protect this area is to protect ourselves, not just the species that depend on this unique area.

The Columbia Glacier area in particular is in many ways the heart of the Chugach. Columbia Glacier is incredibly unique even from a global perspective, a huge tourism draw, and experiencing radical changes in ice mass loss. It should remain a wilderness study area at minimum, or perhaps even more than the other areas in PWS, receive full-on wilderness designation in my opinion.

I do not support the personal use wood cutting modifications despite their known inconsistency with other Forest Service planning and management doctrine.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed plan. I trust my concerns will be considered as the Forest Service works towards a final management plan.