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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Chugach Forest Plan Revision # 40816. I have spent 20 years playing and making a living in Prince William Sound ( sea kayak instructor, birding guide) mostly in the western Sound. It is a magnificent place, possibly the only place like it on earth. It is worthy of permanent wilderness protection. Until that happens, please continue to manage it as wilderness. Someday we will have a congress that values one of the most amazing assets of our country; Wild Places.

I have the following recommendations;

1. The Wilderness Study Area should be managed under the highest standard, that being the Wilderness Act of 1964 with applicable ANILCA provisions.
2. All areas in the Wilderness Study Area be classified as "Primitive."
3. The entire Wilderness Study Area be recommended to Congress for Wilderness designation, or that at least Knight Island, Columbia Glacier, Perry Island, Esther Island, Port Wells, College Fiord, Lake Nellie Juan, and the mainland along Knight Island be added to those lands already included in the 2002 recommendation.
4. The Copper River/Bering River area should be protected.
5. The Forest should be withdrawn from mineral and forestry activity; additional protective acquisitions should be identified.
6. Additional Wild and Scenic River designations should be recommended.
7. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Restoration mandate for the region must be upheld.
8. That additional non-motorized areas be included in the Kenai Peninsula.