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Comments: I am commenting on the Forest Plan revision. My comments are directed at the roadless and wilderness study areas in the Chugach National Forest. At least one alternative should recommend for Wilderness all of the roadless areas (minus any development since the inventory, see for example the Chugach National Forest Wilderness Area Inventory and Evaluation). I strongly support recommending all of the roadless areas that are eligible as Wilderness.

I am familiar with the roadless country contiguous with the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area in the Kenai Mountains Roadless Area. The Kenai Mountains Roadless Area should be added to the wilderness recommendation. In particular, the Forest Service should recommend Ptarmigan Lake and all the land to the east-the Paradise Lakes area and roadless part of the Snow River drainage--for Wilderness. This part of the Kenai is contiguous to the WSA. It would make for a large and outstanding Wilderness. Therefore, the plan's proposed action should recommend this area along with the entire WSA as wilderness.

The WSA and the roadless areas should be protected from motorized vehicles and manipulation such as logging. The proposal seriously weakens the existing protection for the WSA. Instead, the Forest Service should increase protection for the WSA and roadless areas.

Please send me any updated on this plan revision effort.

Sincerely,

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