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Comments: Wilderness is an important part of the landscape in Alaska. We are a resource-development state, but we also need wild places for many reasons (biodiversity, our souls, the health of our ecosystems, so many more). Please maintain wildness in this state by selecting Alternative D for the Chugach National Forest Management Plan revision, which designates an EXISTING wilderness study area as official wilderness. Please also strengthen the management plan to protect and monitor wilderness characteristics there, so that it is protected until congress takes action. Please also be sure that there are appropriate safeguards to allow traditional subsistence use of the land, and traditional/subsistence-related access to the land. Wilderness cannot come at the expense of indigenous cultures.