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Comments: What must be protected is "wilderness character" not just the "existing character" of the WSA. All of the lands in the WSA must be classified in the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard to get the most protection. The WSA lands the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill must have strong protection returned, offering wilderness values "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes"--that was the plan.

Recreational use of chainsaws must be considered by the Chugach NF--much damage has already been done to wilderness beaches.

Let's have a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that includes the maximum 97% of the WSA and also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.