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Comments:

\*The Plan must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not the Forest Service's weak proposal to protect just its "existing character."

\*Restore strong protection to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

\*The Chugach NF must address ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA. ,

\*Alternative D recommends the maximum amount of land for Wilderness of any of the Alternatives (97 percent of the WSA, or 1.884 million acres). I support a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.