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Comments: I am asking for the following changes to the current proposed Forest Plan:

The Plan must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not the weaker proposal to protect just its "existing character." Also, the the Plan must protect the wilderness character of the lands in the WSA by classifying all of them under the "Primitive" standard, which I understand is the most protective standard in Forest Service's recreational classification system.

Please restore strong protection to the lands purchased by the federal government after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. The purpose of that purchase was to restore "wilderness" values and must be managed as promised "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes."

The Chugach National Forest must seriously address ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA, which damages forest health in several sensitive areas, as well as at dozens of wilderness beaches.

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.

Yours sincerely