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Comments: Please ensure the plan protects the "wilderness character" of the WSA. The Forest Service's proposal is too weak. The plan must classify the lands as "primitive" to afford them the protections they deserve. The lands were promised to be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes. This promise must be upheld.

The Chugach NF must also stop ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA, which has resulted in damaging tree removal along dozens of wilderness beaches, including in sensitive areas.

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 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Thank you.