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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." Even better, classify all of the land with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard, the most protective standard.

Restore strong protection to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Acquired for wilderness restoration, they must be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes," as promised when they were purchased.

The Chugach NF must address 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. I support a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased post oil spill for wilderness restoration.