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Comments: Regarding the Forest Service's Draft Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest, ideally, several things should be altered. Firstly, the plan should keep the actual wilderness element and not be diluted by the proposal to keep the "existing character." This should be done by labeling the lands as "primitive," which is the strictest standard for classifying lands and will keep the nature of the place pristine. Secondly, enact strong protections to the lands within the WSA that were bought after the oil spill (in 1989, Exxon-Valdez), since the lands were bought to be restored to their original condition. Thirdly, curb the unbridled use of illegal chainsaws in the National Forest and WSA, since this blatant abuse has harmed local ecosystems. And finally, to support a modified Alternative D, with the modifications including Lake Nellie Juan in the proposal as well as the lands within the WSA boundary that were bought after the Exxon-Valdez oil spill.

Thank you,

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