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Comments: This is in regard to the Draft Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest in Alaska. As a concerned citizen, I urge the Forest Service to protect the full wilderness character of the WSA, not just its existing character. The Plan should classify all lands in the WSA with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard, the most protective standard in the agency's recreational classification system.

Please restore strong protection to the WSA lands that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Acquired for the restoration of wilderness values, these lands should be managed in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes, as promised when they were purchased.

The Chugach NF should also address ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA, which has resulted in damaging tree removal along dozens of wilderness beaches.

Finally, I support a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.