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Comments: I am concerned that the U.S. Forest Service draft land and resource management plan for the Chugach National Forest is too weak to protect the wilderness character of the Juan-College Fjord Wilderness Study Area (WSA) and other WSAs. All WSA's must be classified as primitive, which is the most protective recreational standard that the FS has. This WSA specifically and the other WSAs are superlative examples of wilderness forests and coastal areas and must be protected as such until the U.S. Congress makes a final decision about their wilderness designation.

The FS must protect lands within the WSAs that were purchased after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. These lands were supposed to mitigate for loss of wilderness values and character after the oil spill. They should be managed as wilderness in perpetuity.

The FS in the Chugach National Forest must get law enforcement into WSAs to stop the illegal use of chainsaws for recreation. Tree removals along beaches and sensitive areas in WSAs is illegal and does not protect wilderness values and character. Go in and do the right thing! Go in and do your job!!! Stop these wilderness assassins.

None of the alternatives in the EIS contain enough wilderness and wilderness protection. I support a modified Alternative D that protects not only 1.884 million acres but also includes Lake Nellie Juan and all lands within the WSA boundary that were bought for restoration of wilderness character after the Exxon Valdez oil spill.