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Comments: I was fortunate to reside in Alaska a number of years ago and I appreciate the beauty of the pristine and semi-pristine lands within the Chugach National Forest. I offer the following comments regarding the 1.9 million-acre Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area:

Your plan must protect the wilderness character of the WSA versus the Forest Service proposal to protect its "existing character." This can be accomplished by classifying these lands with the "Primitive" standard which has always been the most protective standard in your agency's recreational classification system.

Of extreme importance, the plan must provide protection for the acreage within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the Exxon Valdez debacle. These lands were acquired for the restoration of wilderness values and must be maintained forever as promised when they were purchased.

Further, the Chugach National Forest needs to address the ongoing illegal recreational use within the WSA, including chainsaws for the removal of trees along numerous wilderness beaches.

I support a modification of Alternative D to include Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for the restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.