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Comments: I am requesting that the Plan for the Chugach NF strongly protect the wilderness character of the WSA. This must be done by classifying them all with the Forest Service Primitive standard, as the most protective classification, so that these lands are completely protected in perpetuity.

I am also urging you to restore the strongest protection to the lands within the WSA that were purchased by the Federal Government after the devastating 1989 oil spill of the Exxon Valdez. The purpose of the land purchase was to restore the wilderness values of the land, and thus it must also be managed for conservation and wilderness purposes to be protected in perpetuity. This was promised during the purchase, and should be upheld.

The illegal recreational use of chainsaws, an ongoing and damaging problem, must be addressed in the Chugach NF to stem the ruinous removal of trees along wilderness beaches in all areas.

I support a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that includes the maximum amount of land for wilderness, and additionally, includes Lake Nellie Juan and lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased and designated for restoration of wilderness following the Valdez spill. Let's keep these promises.