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Comments: I have enjoyed nature, and wild places for as long as I can remember. My family always went on hikes, went camping, and made sure we were regularly in the woods. I have great memories of hiking in the Delaware water gap, backpacking in Pennsylvania (when I was just 5), camping in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and spending thousands of hours just outside in the woods.

When I was 14, I spent 4 weeks backpacking and canoeing with my local YMCA. When I was 16 I spent a month climbing mountains in Wyoming with the National Outdoor Leadership school. To this day I'm out in nature as much as I can be.

Therefore, although I have never been to Alaska, I understand the importance of truly wild places. There is a difference between my local forest preserve, where the cars can still be faintly heard in the distance, and the vast mountains of the Wind River Range in Wyoming, where the nearest road is a multi-day hard walk away. When people develop in and around a 'wild' place, it loses most of its magic.

Therefore I would like you to:

- 1) Make Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area (WSA) as wild as it can be. You know what wild is. Make sure this happens by classifying all of it using the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard.
- 2) Address illegal use of the WSA. Rules are no good if no one enforces them. Back your plan up with a means to make sure people violating the natural habitat (such as by cutting down trees) are punished.
- 3) CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE D! I feel this alternative gives the strongest protections to the greatest land area. In addition, Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased following the oil spill should also be protected as wilderness areas.