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Comments: The Forest Service's Draft Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest (NF) must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not the Forest Service's weak proposal to protect just its "existing character."

The Plan must classify all lands within the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard, which is the most protective standard in the agency's recreational classification system.

1. The FS must restore strong protection to WSA lands that the federal government purchased after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, and manage them as the law requires: "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes."

2. Halt unlawful recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA.

3. Alternative D recommends the most Wilderness land (97% of the WSA, or 1.884 million acres), but Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources after the oil spill should be included.