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Comments: The Plan needs to protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not just its "existing character."

The Plan needs to classify all of the lands in the WSA with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard, the most protective standard in the agency's recreational classification system.

The lands acquired for the restoration of wilderness values after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill must be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes," as promised when they were purchased.

The Chugach NF must deal with illegal use of chainsaws in the WSA, which has resulted in damaging tree removal along dozens of wilderness beaches, including in sensitive areas.

Alternative D recommends the maximum amount of land for Wilderness of any of the Alternatives (97 percent of the WSA, or 1.884 million acres). I support a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.