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Comments: It is imperative the protections be established for the Chugach National Forest in Alaska. The Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA is part of this area and received protections through Congress in recent years.

I am requesting that a Forest Plan include specifications to preserve the wilderness character of the WSA. The proposed plan only indicates preservation of the area's "existing character" which could still open the door to threats. The Forest Service's "Primitive" standard should apply.

Furthermore, a strong level of protection to this wilderness area must be restored after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. Our federal government purchased this land so that wilderness values could be upheld for the purpose of conservation.

There must also be regulations put in place to prohibit the use of chainsaws. There has been the devastating removal of trees along dozens of wilderness beaches and this must not be allowed to happen again.

Lastly, 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.

Thank you for considering my comments.