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Comments: It is important now, before the population of the earth brings more pressure for development of resources, that we hold a hard line.

For that reason, I urge the Forest Service to protect the wilderness character of the lands in the WSA (not their existing character) by classifying them with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard, the most protective standard you have.

And any of these lands that the federal government purchased after the Exxon Valdez incident for the restoration of wilderness values must be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes," as promised when they were purchased.

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 following the oil spill.