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Comments: I will not insult your land managers by reminding them how Wilderness must be preserved; it is a common conversation. Only remind that there are many voices against the concept, even as we discover how delicate habitat can truly be.

Please protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not just its "existing character." and classify them with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard.

We remember the promise when they were purchased after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill to restore wilderness values; they must be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes," as promised.

Please also address ongoing illegal use of chainsaws in the WSA, which has resulted in damaging tree removal along dozens of wilderness beaches and sensitive areas.

Alternative D recommends the maximum amount of land for Wilderness of any of the Alternatives (97 percent of the WSA). No vote is for a that plan, or, even better, a modified Alternative D 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,

Edward