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Comments: It is essential that the Plan protect the "primitive wilderness character" of the WSA, not the Forest Service's proposal to protect just its "existing character."

The plan must restore strong protection to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, as promised when they were purchased.

The Chugach NF must address ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA.

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.