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Comments: As a member of several conservation organizations I am writing to express my support for changes to the current proposed Forest Plan.

The plan should protect the "wilderness character" of the Wilderness Study Area using the most protective measure, the "primitive" characterization.

The strongest level of protection should be established for the areas within the Wilderness Study Area that were purchased after the Exxon-Valdez oil spill to ensure those lands are managed for conservation and as wilderness.

Action should be taken to address the illegal use of chainsaws in the Chugach National Forest.

Alternative D is commendable for encompassing the largest area of any of the alternatives. However, I support also including Lake Nellie Juan and those areas purchased for restoration following the oil spill.

Thank you.