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Comments: The "wilderness character" of the WSA must be preserved. It is inadequate to consider the weak proposal to protect just its "existing character." The most protective standard should be applied to all of the WSA lands, that of "Primitive"

Strong protection should be extended to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. When they were purchased, it was promised that these lands be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes." Please keep this promise.

Chainsaws? They have damaged tree removal along beaches and other sensitive areas. The Chugach NF must eliminate the ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA!

Furthermore, I support a modified Alternative D wilderness recommendation that also includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands I previously mentioned that were purchased for restoration after the oil spill.

Thanks for considering my comments.