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Comments: I am greatly concerned about the preservation of the Nellie Juan-College Fiord WSA, an ecological and scenic treasure containing vast acres of ancient rainforest, wild salmon, and mountains, glaciers and fiords.

Your management plan must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not just its "existing character."

Furthermore, the plan must protect the wilderness character of the lands in the WSA by classifying all of them using the "primitive" standard.

Strong protection should be returned to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. These lands were acquired for the restoration of wilderness values and must be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes," as promised when they were purchased.

The Chugach NF must address ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA, which has resulted in tree removal along dozens of wilderness beaches.

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.

I urge you to take very seriously your responsibility to preserve and protect this wild land.