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Comments: I am submitting a comment on the Forest Service's Draft Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest in Alaska. I support Alternative D, but with a modified wilderness recommendation that includes Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the Wilderness Study Area boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The Chugach Management plan also needs to portect against address illegal use of chainsaws in the Wilderness Study Areas; this activity has already damaged trees along wilderness beaches in sensitive areas.

The Management Plan must restore strong protection to the Wilderness Study Area. This Area was specifically purchased for the restoration of wilderness values after the horrific Exxon Valdez oil spill to be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes," as promised when the Area was purchased.