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Comments: I am proposing the following changes to the current proposed Forest Plan:

The plan must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not just its "existing character," by classifying all of them with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard.

During 1989 the federal government purchased the lands within the WSA in the wake of the Exxon Valdez oil spill for the express purpose of wilderness restoration, these values must continue to be managed as per the promise when they were purchased.

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

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.