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Comments: I strongly urge you to implement measures to fully protect the Nellie Juan-College Fiord. Specifically:

- The Plan should protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA. Do not use the Forest Service's weak proposal to protect just its "existing character."

- Further, the Plan should protect the wilderness character of the lands in the WSA by classifying all of them with the Forest Service's "Primitive" standard, which is the most protective standard in the agency's recreational classification system.

- Strong protections must be restored to the lands within the WSA that the federal government purchased following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. As promised when purchased, these lands were acquired for the restoration of wilderness values and must be managed "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes". Do not break this promise.

- Chugach NF should address ongoing illegal recreational use of chainsaws in the WSA, which has resulted in damaging tree removal along dozens of wilderness beaches, most importantly 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 would include Lake Nellie Juan and the lands within the WSA boundary that were purchased for restoration of wilderness resources following the oil spill.

Please protect this very important part of our wilderness.