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Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I resided in southcentral Alaska for one year and have retained a keen interest in the continuing integrity of the publicly-owned wildlands there. With particular regard to the Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area (WSA), as it relates to the Chugach National Forest's draft LRMP, it's my hope that this exceptional areas's integrity is sustained and enhanced by strengthening the Forest Service's protective classification and corresponding land management language.

To this end, the LRMP must not merely protect the existing character of the WSA, but its wilderness character. An important distinction, this may be achieved by classifying all land within the WSA as primitive. Doing so would also adhere to the original intent of taxpayers' purchase of lands within the WSA following the Exxon Valdez disaster in 1989.

The Forest Service must also address incremental degradation of the WSA, up to and including chainsaw use and tree removal along wilderness beaches and sensitive areas.

Alternative D comes closest to meeting the desired scope of protection, though should be strengthened to include Lake Nellie Juan and lands within the WSA which were purchased by taxpayers following the Valdez disaster for restoration of wilderness resources.