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Comments: Thank you for the ability to comment on the Forest Service's Draft Land and Resource Management Plan for The Peoples' Chugach National Forest (NF) in Alaska. The Chugach National Forest belongs to all Americans and must be treated appropriately for its' unique qualities that benefit our great Nation. As part of the Chugach, the Nellie Juan-College Fjord WSA has some truly unique qualities in our increasingly developed country. The Nellie Juan-College Fjord WSA is an ecological and scenic treasure. It is nearly two million acres of ancient rainforest, wild salmon, and stunning mountains and glaciers. Its meandering fiords are laced with hundreds of remote islands. There are precious few of these types of nearly pristine wilderness left in America, we must protect them to the fullest extent, so that America's citizens have the ability to see our lands as God made them.

1. The Plan must protect the "wilderness character" of the WSA, not the Forest Service's weak proposal to protect just its "existing character." Furthermore, the Plan must 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.
2. Restore strong protection 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Again, thank you for allowing Americans to comment on the uses and protections of our lands. I expect you to do your duty to fully evaluate the long term benefits of my suggestions above and weigh them against the short term benefits of the alternatives proposed in the Chugach Forest Plan Revision #40816. With an honest and honorable evaluation you will agree that a modified Plan D, as mentioned in my point 4 above, is the best way to manage the WSA "in perpetuity for conservation and wilderness purposes."