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Comments: I believe that anyplace in the Nation Forest system a fixing airplane is allowed to land a helicopter should be allowed as well.

I strongly object to the goal of Within 1 year of forest plan approval, develop a Forest Order prohibiting landings of helicopters and landings, taking off, and possession of drones within the wilderness study area, except for those uses allowed by ANILCA provisions.

I strongly support Within 1 year of forest plan approval, develop a Forest Order ALLOWING landings of helicopters and landings, taking off, and possession of drones within the wilderness study area, except for those uses allowed by ANILCA provisions.

I Strongly object to: Non-recreation Special Uses

1. A special use permit shall be required for all commercial aircraft taking off and landing on NFS lands, including fixed wing, helicopter, and drones.

I strongly believe that anyplace a fix wing aircraft can land a helicopter can land. A helicopter has far less impact than fixed-wing aircraft.

I strongly object to the inclusion of the WSA near Columbia Glacier being included in the National Wilderness Preservation System

Forest service policy should be to allow Helicopter landings in the wilderness study area.

Opportunities are NOT available for helicopter-assisted guided and non-guided recreation activities near Valdez and the Columbia Glacier. These activities should be available in this area.

Information needs to be made available to users of the WSA that the WSA does not include the tidelands or waters of Prince William Sound and that these areas are managed by the USCG and the State of Alaska Not the USFS.

In closing, the helicopter usage on the State of Alaska tidelands has allowed many people the opportunity to view the State of Alaska that never would have seen the area. This is a boon for the NFS and the WSA. Helicopters are less impactful than many other modes of transportation. The outlawing of helicopters is from the old days of the loud hueys and bell produces. The new Robinson and Airbus helicopters provide people the ability to see the WSA that would not be able to. DO NOT OULTLAW HELICOPTERS IN THE WSA AND ISSUE SOME PERMITS FOR THE COMMERCIAL SERVICES IN THE FOREST. WE HAVE HAD AN APPLICAITON IN FOR YEARS WITH NO RESPONSE FROM THE NFS.