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3. All eligible wild and scenic Rivers should be recommended in the Preferred Alternative.

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I also feel strongly about the trail being changed in order to accommodate a bypass around Cooper Landing. This would severely affect the historic status of the trail, change the Juneau Falls appeal, shorten the trail, change user groups, affect bear corridor travel to the Kenai River, affect bear habitat, and forever change and disrupt the natural appeal of this narrow mountain valley. There is not enough room for two major road corridors, it would eventually allow for more development along an avalanche prone route, it would incur greater maintenance costs to the state for a higher elevation winter route, and should not be considered because there is a prudent, viable alternative in changing the existing corridor along the Sterling Hwy to allow for shoulders, left turn lanes and a 10 mile safety path as detailed in the draft EIS. There is not enough traffic for 9 months of the year to warrant this type of expense in routing a road for 11 miles around a town of 400 residences that would intersect at the busiest section of the road during the salmon runs! The business owners along the existing corridor have long depended on drive by traffic to sustain their businesses.