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Comment # Comment

0022775-003

Prince William sound is in moment danger. Wilderness status should be considered for the entire Coastal region of the sound from [Illegible] to 'Whittier' all areas within the wilderness study area.

0029110-004

Prince William Sound is a vital resource as well, I urge the Forest Service to recommend the entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays as Wilderness. This will enable the protection needed for species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

0028289-014

Prescriptions

There is noticeable improvement in the consistency between the allowed activities in each allocation and this prescription titles from earlier draft documents. The effect of the activities should be clearly articulated in the title and future desired condition of the prescriptions. This clear articulation will enable the Forest Service and the public to make better informed and fair recommendations. Following are recommendations for further clarification:

Wilderness Study Area, Recommended Wilderness

-- 'To maintain and protect the existing wilderness quality' is the stated theme but development is allowed on the activity table (cabins, new trails, administrative facilities and electronic sites). Criteria to determine cabin construction for 'public health and safety' should be clarified in the document.

-- 'Opportunities for solitude are excellent.' This statement reinforces the idea that establishing carrying capacities for the % of usable land will be critical for the Forest Service to meet future desired conditions. The statement also reinforces the importance of including private use levels in the decision matrix. In addition. How will the Forest Service manage for solitude in conjunction with fixed wing flight-seeing landings in Wilderness?

-- It is difficult to analyze the affect of the 30% outfitter guide carrying capacity allocation when there is no direction in the plan to manage the overall volume of use on the Forest. Why 30%? Why not 50%? Particularly when outfitter guides are the most easily managed users on the Forest and often the most reliable partners? What is the rationale used to determine the capacity figures?

0029080-005

THE COLLEGE FJORD/NELLIE JUAN/WHITTIER REGION. The entire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of the 1984 plan should be protected as Wilderness and the entire Nellie Juan as wild.

0029089-002

Second, Prince William Sound and the entire Wilderness study area. Knight and Montague Islands & Jack and Sawmill Bays.

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0029175-003

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend the entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays as Wilderness to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.