

SAR - FP - Interests - Ecological Systems

Comment # Comment

0003069-001

Please don't allow Line oil companies to continue to pollute water and cut off our wild creatures.

0003388-001

Save these areas wild and tree. They are important in preserving the global natural environment.

0006515-002

Wetlands are becoming an 'endangered species' as well as those who inhabit them. Please save this [Illegible] ecosystem.

0021719-005

The EIS should also have evaluated the impacts of agency decisions on marine mammals such as sea otters and Orcas.

0021745-001

This ecosystem affects all of us - The air we breathe and the birds we see. Please expand your vision to understand that each small part affects the whole

0022240-001

Wetlands are inherently perhaps THE most vital type of wilderness to preserve with the greatest biodiversity, yet they are often overlooked because humans don't inhabit them much.
We must stand up for their protection, their residents cannot.

0022516-004

2. In regard to the Kenai Peninsula, we feel that the Forest Service should recommend wilderness to specifically
3. In regard to Prince William sound, we feel the entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays should be designated as wilderness to help this area's species recover from the far-reaching effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

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0022738-002

We must have clean air, clean water I just spent a month in Thailand. Nothing is enforced - a step backward.

0026497-001

We are very concerned that some tourists are beginning to 'love it to death'. Tourism is sustainable only if the natural resources and wilderness quality we all seek made the Sound attractive in the first place aren't incremental degraded over time.

This plan opens far too much area to commercial and recreational development--especially helicopter tourism--far too quickly. One of the greatest threats to wilderness and to the remote quality now found throughout most of Chugach is the expansion of 'industrial' tourism, including construction of high-volume lodges, tour-boat landings and associated onshore activities, and such helicopter activities as helicopter flight-seeing, heli-skiing and heli-hiking. Helicopters are extremely noisy.

They not only destroy the peace and tranquillity we seek in wilderness parks, but they are also harmful to our wildlife. The Forest Service should assess the regional availability of both motorized and NON-motorized recreation areas--including state lands--before even considering opening up more public lands to helicopter and other motorized use--and more development.

Please save the wilderness quality in this priceless area!

Thank you!

0026810-009

Ecosystem Management and Interagency Cooperation; We strongly recommend that the Chugach Plan revision recognize the importance of interagency coordination in managing adjacent lands. Clearly, agency boundaries are meaningless to wide-ranging species like large carnivores (e.g., wolves, brown bears, wolverines). In fact, our ability to maintain viable populations of these species, particularly in an isolated area like the Kenai Peninsula, will depend on compatible land management strategies. Audubon Alaska recommends that the Forest Service explicitly address the importance of ecosystem management and interagency coordination and consider Recommended Wilderness, or other compatible category 1 designations, for Chugach Forest lands that border lands managed for their wilderness values including conservation of large carnivores.

0029462-005

In addition to the Copper River area the mountains and bays and fjords of Prince William Sound, the gateway islands-Hinchinbrook and Montague, and the Kenai Peninsula are all integral parts of the overall Chugach ecosystem. The long-term health of the region's economy and environment depends on protecting the watersheds of the Chugach National Forest and preserving a clean, healthy marine environment in Prince William Sound.

0035898-001

Please take action on this slow down the Bush team and their oil and logging everything there is for profit.