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Wilderness preservation is far more important than resource extraction.

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Please save the Copper River Delta and other wild area of the Chugach Nat'l Forest. We need [Illegible]

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Please protect this precious land as wilderness, so that logging and mining plans will stop area in their tracks.

0003072-001

Please do what you can to stop logging and road building - keep the wilderness will - thank you

0003185-001

Please stop all the road building. Please protect our wildlife. Please keep our only wilderness.

0003371-001

Stop strip mines, clear cuts, road building, and protect fish and wildlife, native culture and commercial fishing. I request wilderness designation.

0003471-001

Wilderness protection is the best way to protect road less abandoned natural areas. Please, please; wilderness protection!

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I was shocked when in 1996, I returned to south central Alaska after 27 years and saw the damage too much human contact can bring to wild areas. Please help preserve what remains.

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I strongly request wilderness protection for all wild areas of Chugach national forest, to protect their national beauty and biodiversity.

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I strongly support wilderness designation for the Chugach natl. forest.

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Wilderness is a public commitment. We shouldn't have to explain to anyone why it should be preserved.

0004129-001

Is building in 55-mile road to allow clear-cutting of 8,000 areas of virgin rain forest a good use a land??. Especially when economic analysis shows it unprofitable??. No!! We should negotiate with Chugach Alaska & purchase there dev. rights & keep this forest intact!

0004143-001

Please protect this chugach area. [Illegible] it as a wilderness area. This areas wild residents need permanent protections, as well as the land. One or the [Illegible] intact wetlands in America.

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0007005-002

Please designate the Chugach National Forest as a wilderness area!
Please.

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0012102-001 These areas are important ecosystems that deserve our attention and protection.

0012130-001 The Chugach Nat'l Forest should be permanently protected as wilderness as the too largest national forest.

0018409-001 Please include all of the Chugach National Forest's roadless areas as designated wilderness in our national wilderness preservation system.

0020872-001 I am writing to you today to urge you to support a 'Wilderness Designation' for the Copper River Delta.

Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

0020874-001 The final EIS should include the following.

1. Wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta
2. Wilderness protection knight & Montague's Islands, Jack & Sawmill Bays, Valdez arm and other sensitive parts of Prince William Sound
5. Stop all future roods, oil / gas leases and other impact to the Chugach
6. Protect Wetlands migratory bird habitat, spawning rivers for Salmon and all the locals & subsistence people and their families.

0020875-001 I very strongly feel we should have wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, as well as other important areas, esp. the Wetlands that are so very important. Certain areas in Prince Wm. Sound, as Valdez arm & jack Sawmill Bays and protect critical Brown Bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, also all eligible wild & scenic rivers.

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In addition to the Copper River Delta area the Knight and Montague Islands, Valdez Arm and Jack and Sawmill Bays in Prince William Sound should be designated as wilderness.

0021666-002 wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and expanding the Prince William Sound wilderness study area to help species recover from the 1989 oil spill.

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- 0022545-004 DESIGNATE Wilderness protection for the entire Copper River Delta, the entire Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound, Knight and Montague Islands and critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0022560-001 . We have already lost a big part of wilderness in U.S. So I think we should support whatever wilderness we have left right now.
- 0022561-002 -- Recommend the following areas for Wilderness designation: Copper River wetlands, Knight Island Montague Island, Jack Bay, Sawmill Bay, Kenai River Valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow Valley, and Twenty-mile Valley.
- 0022855-001
- I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river
- Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.
- Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys
- 0020879-001
- Please do not scale back your wilderness protection for the wetland portion of the Copper River Delta. Also please protect areas in Prince William Sound including knight and Montague Islands, valley arm, and Jack and Sawmill Boys. Do not let a vocal minority of antagonists present this wilderness designation. these are national Parks a small entourage of local self interests should not be allowed to tear away at such a precious 'National Forest' area. Please give full wilderness protection.
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As a resident of Alaska, I must tell you that I am extremely disappointed the Copper River Delta is not being recommended as Wilderness. This is the largest intact wetland ecosystem on the Pacific coast and by designating it as Wilderness it would afford it protection from clearcuts, roads, strip-mines and oil rigs. With Wilderness designation habitat is protected for the famous Copper River Salmon to remain viable far into the future. Fishermen should realize their future isn't threatened by Wilderness but by the development that has occurred in the Pacific Northwest that has all but put an end to commercial fishing there.

The Forest Service should be protecting more areas, such as those on the Kenai that support brown bears, instead of reducing the amount of protected areas. I feel in order to protect the Alaskan way of life we must guard our wilderness areas. I would like for my grandchildren to experience the wilderness I have had the opportunity to.

Please reconsider adding more areas for Wilderness recommendation.

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I strongly urge the forest service to designate as wilderness the wetlands of the Copper River Delta! Wilderness designation for the wetlands of the Copper River Delta are critical to protect the millions of shorebirds and waterfowl which use. The Delta each year wilderness designation would permanently protect the Delta's Salmon by protecting their spawning and bearing habitat. Wilderness would prohibit road building, strip mining and oil drilling on the Delta. In addition please protect important areas in Prince William Sound as wilderness including Knight and Montague Islands, Valdez Arm, and Jack and Sawmill Bays.

The Chugach Forest must have the protection of wilderness designations. The whole Copper River Delta must be wilderness

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We request wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta... especially the important wetlands which are neglected in your latest announced commitment.

We urge that wilderness protection be extended to Prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Islands, Valdez Arm. and Jack and Sawmill Bays.

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I am deeply disappointed that the Forest Service has changed the original recommendation for wilderness designation of 2.3 million acres of the Copper River Delta. By reducing the wilderness area to 381,000 acres and not including the wetlands mosaic of the southeastern delta, the Service has failed to give proper protection to that most vital component.

I realize you are receiving considerable pressure from the commercial fishing community and local politicians, but your original plan took great pains to address their concerns and you should not back down from it. As we both know, wilderness designation will do more to protect the fishery than anything. The protection of the delta flora and fauna can only be properly achieved through wilderness designation.

Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest, including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area.

0020917-001

I strongly support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, especially the southeastern quarter of the Delta management area,

Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are still recovering from the 1969 oil spill.

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I am writing you out of dismay over a proposal reducing the size of Alaska's Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

My husband and I visited Alaska in 1993 and loved it. We plan on visiting again in the future. What stood out to us most of all was the beautiful wilderness of the state and how undeveloped it is in comparison to the lower 48 states. It truly has a 'last frontier' feel to it. The wildlife we saw was our favorite part of the trip and what we told our friends and family about more than anything else.

As one of the nation's largest and most productive wetlands, home to a spectacular array of wildlife and a world-renowned salmon run, the Copper River Delta is deserving of wilderness status in its entirety. The current proposal includes areas of only rock and ice, eliminating the vast wetlands mosaic of the southeastern Delta, the biological heart of the region.

This cuts off protection for Copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds, brown bears and wolves.

Some area residents and fishermen fear that wilderness designation would result in the phasing out of commercial fishing.

The Forest Service crafted the original Copper River Delta wilderness designation of 2.3 million acres to protect commercial fishing interests in the region. Reducing the original plan on the basis of local concerns that have already been addressed is wrong. I have also become aware that the vast majority of Cordova residents who commented on the Forest Service's plan favor Delta wilderness designation. Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drilling, and sprawl that threaten the Delta's salmon, wildlife and livelihoods of the fishermen who live there.

Wilderness designation is also necessary for brown bear habitat on the Kenai peninsula and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area still recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

The Chugach is a national forest, and all United States citizens have a legitimate interest in how it is managed.

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0020924-001 Back in May, I read that the U. S. forest service planned to designate nearly 2.3 million acres in the Eastern half of the Copper River Delta, as a wilderness area. More recently, I read that the forest service had backed off its original proposal, and sliced 381,000 prime acres from its original draft. This all but eliminated the vital wetlands and most productive region in the southeastern quarter of the delta.

With that in mind.

I am writing & urge that you reconsider. I would hope that you return to your original proposal and designate as wilderness, the Copper River Delta (Particularly its Southeastern Quarter, which is so Biologically important) The area contains much needed habitat for salmon, bears, wolves and birds. Lets not let mining, drilling clear-cutting (and the roads that accompany them), spoil forever this biologically rich area.

I also urge that you consider giving wilderness protection to other areas of the Chugach forest, especially the brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

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1) I don't think snowmachines or ATVs belong in designated wilderness areas,

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Additionally, the Prince William Sound region should be included in the Study area to protect this region from the Whittier Road opening, and the Kenai Peninsula and River watershed should also be part of this protection as Wilderness.

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Wild lands and rivers are part of heritage and should remain part of our future, free from development and commercial exploitation pressures. Public lands should remain public lands, And this particular set of public lands should receive Wilderness designation and permanent protection, As part owner and interested voting citizen, I look forward to seeing the U.S. Forest Service move to permanently protect this valuable piece of natural resource in the best interest of our nation and public as a Wilderness area.

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Unfortunately, the most valuable and productive lands of the Forest have been left unprotected without permanent Wilderness protection / the largest wet land on the Pacific coast of North America / the Copper River Delta has left out of this Wilderness protection plan / even go a token part of land has been set a side / the Mountain Glaciers was given protection. Without permanent Wilderness protection / these area's could see planned road building / clear-cutting of are National Forest / oil drilling and coal stripmining in the very near future. I am very interest in my National Forest and Wilderness areas. We want the Delta permanently protected from those that want too destroy it / this is the largest intact wetlands ecosystem on the Pacific Coast of North America / its home to over 16 Million shorebirds and other waterfowl species / habitat for the world famous copper river salmon / home to the endangered Dusky Canadian Geese and the largest nesting population of Trumpeter Swans / five Wolf Packs / Moose and Brown Bear' s . We also want other valuable lands of the Forest Wilderness area's protected such as Prince Wi Hi am Sound still recovering from the 1989 oil spill and also the area Kenai Peninsula which support Brown Bear.

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- 0020954-001 I believe the primary and highest value of this region is its 'wholeness.' A wholeness of spirit known few other places. A wholeness of habitat for all species. Humans included.
- With few permanent manmade enclaves one can still imagine it a wild place. Should this place be lost like so many others; we are all to blame.
- As Prince William Sound, Copper River, and the Chugach Forest lose their wilderness character; the pieces get ever smaller. Unrecognizable crumbs never again to equal the whole.
- I can not find words to equal my delight in this region and my passion to see it preserved and restored.
- We have it in our power to keep this a place where the fish come back, where the eagles soar, and where people can be human.
- Please do not just label these lands, waters, and skies 'Wilderness,' Make them a permanent wilderness that a bear would recognize.
- Make all the rivers wild. Keep motors out of the back country. Preserve the solitude and primitive character of this natural jewel in the wonderland of Alaska.
- No more roads.
- When the inevitable political conflicts arise, compromise should favor the place, the creatures, and the solitude. Those who can not speak for themselves. Those who will be here for us if we let them be.
- 0020974-001 Unfortunately, the most productive lands of the forest have been left unprotected with the usual mountain glaciers given protections.
- Despite being the largest wetland on the Pacific coast of North America, the Copper River Delta has not been given Wilderness designation. Without permanent Wilderness protection, the Delta is vulnerable to planned road building, clear-cuts, oil drilling, and coal strip-mining.
- Our national forests belong to all Americans. I have an interest in them and want them protected, for myself, and future generations. Please permanently protect the Copper River Delta. A Wilderness classification will permanently protect the native fishing and hunting way of life. It is home to 16 million shorebirds and other waterfowl. The Delta provides habitat for the world famous Copper River Salmon worth \$20 million annually. It is home to the endangered Dusky Canadian Geese, Trumpeter Swans, five wolf packs, moose, and brown bears.
- I also urge the Forest Service to protect other valuable areas of the Forest as Wilderness such as places in Prince William Sound still recovering from the 1989 oil spill and areas on the Kenai Peninsula which support brown bears.
- 0021002-001
- I was greatly disappointed in the Forest Service's DEIS alternatives for the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound & Kenai Peninsula. All fall short of providing adequate wilderness protection.

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Wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta would protect the salmon, so important to Cordova, by protecting spawning and rearing habitat, wildlife -

Important areas in Prince William Sound to protect are Knight and Montague Island, Valdez arm, Jack and Sawmice bays. Finally all illegible River should receive the wild and scenic designation.

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U.S. Forest Service, I'm writing today to urge you to adopt a final plan that immediately [illegible] logging and road building in all road less areas in the entire national forest systems including Alaskans 'Tongass' and Chugach national forests. We have reached a pivotal point, which we must start to protect our forests, the timber industry has been pushing to cut, mill, and sell off acre upon acre of trees in our forests, thereby destroy some of the richest fish and wildlife habitat in our country. It is time to stop! Once a road is bulldozed through an untouched area, animal scatter and perish. Habitat disappears. Trees [illegible], silt filters down to once - pure streams. The only way to protect our cherished forests is to keep it road less. This is a remarkable opportunity to create a natural legacy for our children, grandchildren and generations to come. Alaska lands act which was passed 20 years ago, and we are still battling to see it fully implemented. The Alaska land act was to protect 104 million acres of land. This never happened. We need to protect (1) Tongass. (2) Chugach National Forest (3) Denali National Park. (4) Copper River Delta (entire eastern half). (5) Acreage adjoining Prince William Sound. (6) Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Stop the proposed road that would run through 27 miles of public land in the Copper River Delta to facilitate the logging of 8,000 acres and possible coal mining. Stop save the future of Alaska and of our National Forest!

Protect the 60 million acres of new unprotected road less lands

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. I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, particularly the southeastern quarter of the Delta management area.

A Wilderness designation would protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire Forest Service land base and host to the world-famous Copper River salmon, millions of shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears and wolves -- all species whose lives are constantly threatened by industrialism.

Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, oil drilling, deforestation, mining, and the sprawl of land development in the name of progress. Wilderness is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest such as the brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are still recovering from the 1989 oil spill, -- another of industry's careless 'mishap.'

Please don't let commercial development and industrial self-interest groups squander America's last greatest natural wonder. Compromise is the beginning of the end for Alaska's wilderness, I know, I live in California.

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WE WANT WILDERNESS DESIGNATION FOR THE COPPER RIVER DELTA AND PROTECTION OF THE CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST FROM MINING AND LOGGING.

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Firstly we fully support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta. The south eastern quarter of the Delta. Management area is most critical and must be include. This area is critical habitat for Salmon, birds, bears and wolves. If wilderness designation is not given to the 2.3 million acres of the Copper River Delta it is obvious that oil drilling, logging, road building and mining will destroy this pristine area. Other areas needing wilderness designation are Chugach Forest and Prince William Sound. The area around Prince William needs wilderness designation because it is still recovering from the devastating oil spill of 1989.

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Please support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, especially the biologically essential southeastern quarter of the Delta management area. The Chugach is a national forest, and all United State citizens care how it is managed.

Wilderness designation would protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire Forest Service land base and host to the world-famous Copper salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears and wolves.

Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drillings and the sprawl of industrial tourism that threaten the Delta's salmon, wildlife and the livelihoods of the commercial and subsistence fisherman who live there.

Wilderness protection is also necessary for other area of the Chugach Forest, including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

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I am writing to you on behalf of the Forest Service's draft Chugach management plan. I am extremely urging you and the Forest Service to support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, particularly the biologically essential southeastern quarter of the Delta management area. I emphasize that the Chugach is a national forest, and that all United States citizens have a legitimate interest in how it is managed.

A Wilderness designation would protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire Forest Service land base and host to the world-famous Copper River salmon, 16 million shorebird species, and waterfowl, brown bears and wolves, Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drilling, and the sprawl of industrial tourism that threaten the Delta's salmon, wildlife and the livelihoods of the commercial and subsistence fishermen who live there.

Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering slowly from the 1989 oil spill.

I am urging the U.S. Forest Service not to reduce the Chugach National Forest by the amount by 381,000 acres and to keep with the original recommendation of 2.3 million acres to become wilderness.

Sincerely,

John Marchese

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0021075-001 My real disappointment was in your recommendation of wilderness area. Your original plan called for +2 million acres yet I see only 400,000 acres in your recommendations. A wilderness area protects wildlife, rivers, the ecosystem and the land. A wilderness area is a source of clean water and produces large quantities of water [Illegible] for human use. A wilderness area provides a nursery for fish, a spawning ground for salmon and an economic base for those who sustain themselves with a fisheries. The Copper Delta provides these and any logging is uneconomical these as well as destructive to fisheries & wildlife. Wilderness protection is key for Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound for these some reasons & to allow wildlife to recover from the spill of 1989,

0021077-001 I am writing in SUPPORT of wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, especially the biologically essential SE quarter of the Delta management area.

Wilderness designation:

* would protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire Forest Service;

* is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drilling, and the sprawl of industrial tourism;

* is necessary to protect the critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area which species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

0021081-001 .
Please do all you can to keep this state in its pristine condition. Do not eliminate any area from the proposed Copper River Delta wilderness area. Also help continue to protect other areas of the Chugach Forest and the Prince William Sound where species are still recovering from the 1989 Exxon oil spill.

0021082-001 . I would hope to visit the Copper River Delta someday for the following reasons: natives use it for hunting and fishing, it is the largest intact wetlands ecosystem on the Pacific Coast of North America, it is the home to 16 million waterfowl and shorebird species, it is the habitat of Copper River Salmon that bring in \$20 million annually, and it is the home to the endangered Dusky Canadian Geese, the largest nesting population of Trumpeter swans, five wolf packs, moose and brown bears!!! You need to permanently protect the Delta from roads, strip-mines, oil rigs, and clear cuts. You must preserve it for the reasons listed above. How much destruction is worth a few trees, or a little oil? You should be protecting all the valuable lands of the forest including the Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula which support brown bears!

0021085-001 As an Informed and concerned citizen, I hereby strongly recommend full wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other wild areas of the Chugach rational forest.

Please do everything possible to provide full wilderness designation for the entire Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, and Kenai Peninsula areas.

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As a citizen and part owner of our public lands. I strongly request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula.

The Copper River Delta is the largest intact wetland ecosystem left on the Pacific coast of North American. It is habitat for an abundance of shorebirds, waterfowl, moose, brown bears, wolves, and wild salmon.

This extremely unique ecosystem deserves the strongest wilderness protection.

The Prince William sound Wilderness study area should be expanded to continue to support species that have not yet recovered from the disastrous 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Wildlands should be protected from the Whittier Road opening.

The Kenai Peninsula watershed of the Kenai River, is outstanding brown bear habitat and should also be grated wilderness protection.

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Chugach is a national forest, and I believe all citizens of the country have a legitimate interest in how it is managed. I submit the following points for consideration:

* A Wilderness designation would protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire Forest Service land base, an area that hosts the world-famous Copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, as well as brown bears and wolves.

* A Wilderness designation is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drill, the sprawl of industrial tourism that threat the Delta's salmon, wildlife as well as the livelihood of commercial and subsistence fisherman who live there.

* A Wilderness protection is also necessary for areas of the Chugach Forest that include critical brown bear habitat on the Kanai Peninsula and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area, an area where many species are still recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

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Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

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Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

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The original recommendation, part of the Forest Service's draft Chugach National Forest management plan, called for nearly 2.3 million acres to become wilderness. The latest proposal reduces that amount by 381,000 acres and eliminates the vast wetlands mosaic of the southeastern Delta, the biological heart of the region.

This change is very disappointing. As one of the nation's largest and most productive wetland ecosystems and host to the world-famous Copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears and wolves, the entire Copper River Delta is deserving of wilderness designation.

Wilderness designation is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drilling, and the sprawl of industrial tourism that threaten the Delta's salmon, wildlife and the livelihoods of the commercial and subsistence fishermen who live there.

Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

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I am writing regarding the U.S. Forest Service's plan for.

the Copper River Delta. a'
Originally, the U.S. Forest Service recommended that 2,3 million acres in the Copper River Delta Region be designated a wilderness area.
acres.

The area now exempted from the wilderness designation under the new proposal includes a vast region of wetlands in the southeastern delta. A wilderness designation is important to this area, that is home to the Copper River salmon, brown bears, wolves, and millions of shorebirds and waterfowl.

Other areas of the Chugach Forest area are also in need of wilderness protection. The Kenai Peninsula contains habitat critical to the brown bear. Furthermore, Prince William Sound, where wildlife is still recovering from the 1989 oil spill, contains areas that also are deserving of the wilderness designation,
I urge the U.S. Forest Service to expand the wilderness designation to include these other important habitats.

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Please consider the following factors:

(1) A wilderness designation would protect one of the most important wetlands ecosystems of the forest service: world famous Copper R. salmon, 16 M. Shore Birds waterfowl, brown bears and wolves (2) This wilderness designation is the only way to protect the Delta from; poorly planned roads clear cutting mining - oil drilling (3) Wilderness protection is necessary for Chugach forest Kenai Peninsula Prince Edward Sound,

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I am writing to request that the U. S. Forest Service request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest.

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I urge the Forest Service to do everything possible stop plans for logging and mining.

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This will protect its wetlands, expand current wilderness study in the Prince William Sound and protect habitat of the Kenai Peninsula. A

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I urge you to protect the entire Chugach National Forest. So much of our wild lands have been lost to logging, development and, increasingly, to invasive plants and animals. Please be a part of keeping the Chugach whole and viable. Alaska has some beautiful wilderness that should stay that way.

0021206-001

I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, particularly the Biologically essential south eastern quarter of the Delta management area. Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical Brown Bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

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We strongly support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta. The southeastern quarter is biologically essential for protection of the wetland ecosystems.

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I support the wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta. The Chugach is a national forest & all U.S. citizens have a legitimate interest in how it is managed. A wilderness designation would protect this important wetland ecosystems it is the only way to protect the delta from poorly planned use, threatening the salmon, wildlife & livelihoods of fisherman who live there. Wilderness protection is also necessary for critical brown bear habitat in Kenai Peninsula & Prince William sound wilderness study area. Please designate the eastern half of Alaska Copper River Delta as a wilderness.

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I am Concerned with protecting the wilderness in the Chugach N.F.

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- 0021287-001 I support whole heartedly wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta Particularly the South eastern quarter of the Delta management area. The Kenai Peninsula and the Prince William Sound areas should also receive wilderness protection.
- 0021290-001 Wilderness for the delta, sound, & Kenai! In is years. It's too late!
- 0021430-001
- 0021437-001 I strongly request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest, the Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula. I want to stop the strip mines, clear cuts and road building. I want to protect the fish & wildlife, native culture and commercial fishing. I want to request wilderness designation.
- 0021449-001 I am writing as the Conservation Chair of the Blackbrook Audubon Society of NE Ohio, and its 600+ members. We strongly urge the USFS to designate Alaska's Copper River Delta, especially the wetlands areas, as 'wilderness'. This will protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of North America, critical habitat for migratory shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, wolves, and the Copper River salmon. Wilderness designation is the only way to protect this resource from poorly-planned roads, degradation caused by clear-cutting, mining, oil-drilling and industrial tourism which threatens the Delta's wildlife and ways of life of those living there. Other areas of the Chugach, such as the Kenai Peninsula's critical brown bear habitat, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area, will also benefit from wilderness designation.
- 0021449-002 We strongly urge the USFS to designate Alaska's Copper River Delta, especially the wetlands areas, as 'wilderness'. Other areas of the Chugach, such as the Kenai Peninsula's critical brown bear habitat, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area, will also benefit from wilderness designation.
- 0021452-001 I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta, particularly the invaluable wetlands, as wilderness.
- Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and expanding the Prince William Sound wilderness study area to help species recover from the 1989 oil spill.
- 0021547-002 Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and expanding the Prince William Sound wilderness study area to help species recover from the 1989 oil spill.

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EMail: Comments: I cannot urge more strongly that the Forest Service recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta, the entire area, for wilderness designation. This is one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire US, host to salmon, millions of shore and water birds, brown bears, wolves and all the creatures in the ecological web that depend upon them.

Save it now, while it is still intact! I also strongly urge wilderness protection for areas of the Chugach Forest and Kenai Peninsula that are critical brown bear habitat, and for the beleaguered Prince William Sound which has yet to recover from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil disaster. .

0021568-001

Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from the poorly-planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drilling, and the sprawl of industrial tourism that threaten the Delta's salmon, wildlife and the livelihoods of the commercial and subsistence fishermen who live there.

Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and expanding the Prince William Sound wilderness study area to help species recover from the 1989 oil spill.

0021571-001

I am asking the US Forest Service for wilderness and Wild River status management prescriptions for the following areas of the Chugach National Forest.

Prince William Sound: Knight and Montague Islands Entire Wilderness Study Area Turnagain Arm: Twentymile River Valley; Twentymile River Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Pass and Snow River Drainages/Kenai Headwaters; Russian-Resurrection rivers complex and Snow River Copper River Delta: Southeastern Copper River Delta; Copper, Bering and Katalla Rivers

0021577-001

wilderness preservation

0021583-001

Please RECOMMEND WILDERNESS PROTECTION for the valuable wetland habitat of the delta to protect the salmon, shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, wolves and wildflowers.

Effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill still have not regenerated !!! and the wildlife need the Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays designated Wilderness in order for them to recover. !!! As owners of these public lands, please be advised of our urgent concerns.

0021604-003

Because critical brown bear habitat in the Kenai, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and the Twenty Mile is disturbed by any recreational motorized intrusion, please designate these areas as wilderness. Above all, near and dear to my heart, make the Copper River wetlands wilderness, as well as Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays.

0021719-002

Please recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river. Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from clear-cutting, coal mining, and oil and gas drilling. Please also recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Comment # Comment

0021760-001

A Wilderness designation would protect me of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire forest land base and host to the world famous Copper river salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears and wolves.

0021780-001 Need wilderness on the Kenai & definitely on the Copper River Delta.

Not enough wilderness - Too much motorized.

0021796-001

- Wilderness for important areas - not just rock & ice.

- Wilderness needs to be on the wetlands of the Copper River Delta.

- Wilderness for the Sound - Knight & Montague Islands.

- Wilderness Brown Bear habitat in the Kenai.

Very disappointed the Forest Service is not having the [Illegible] to prepare for the future of huge tourism, huge #'s of ATV's & snowmachine oil & [Illegible]!

Please have the [Illegible] to keep the Chugach wild as it is today.

More Wilderness! More quiet areas - too much motor areas now.

0021826-001

I strongly support a Wilderness designation in the eastern Copper River Delta (i.e., east of the Copper River Highway and Copper River)

I support Wilderness designations for areas like Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack, Beartrap and Sawmill Bays.

I recommend Wilderness designations for the all critical brown bear habitat in this region.

In the future, I suggest that the forestry industry should not be allowed to use beetle killed areas as an excuse to open up wild unroaded areas to logging.

Finally, as a frequent recreational user in the Chugach National Forest, I would like to have the natural 'quiet' restored and maintained.

I support completely banning jet skis from this forest, and severely limiting the use of ATVs, helicopters and snow machines.

0021837-001

The Forest Service should recommend the Copper River Delta, brown bear habitat on Kenai Peninsula and more of Prince William Sound as wilderness for this would help protect these important wetland areas and their wildlife inhabitants salmon, birds, bears and wolves.

Comment # Comment

0021883-003

-- Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

0021891-001

I believe the Copper River Delta should be recommended as wilderness.

Montague and Knight Islands should also receive the Wilderness recommendation.

The Forest Service should be protecting more areas on the Kenai Peninsula as well.

Resurrection Creek, Snow River and Twentymile should all be recommended as Wilderness.

I feel that much effort has been made in the Draft to balance the recreational management of the Chugach. Please keep these changes and prohibit motorized recreation in Wilderness Study Areas and recommended Wilderness.

0021892-001

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The Forest Service should be protecting more areas on the Kenai Peninsula as well.

Resurrection Creek, Snow River and Twentymile should all be recommended as Wilderness.

I feel that much effort has been made in the Draft to balance the recreational management of the Chugach. Please keep these changes and prohibit motorized recreation in Wilderness Study Areas and recommended Wilderness.

0021895-002

Wilderness protection is also essential for other areas of the Chugach such as the Kenai Peninsula and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area.

0021931-001

-- We urge you to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

-- We urge you 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.

-- We urge you to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

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0021938-002

From what I have seen a report also revealed that the vast majority of Cordova residents also favor this area to be designated a wilderness area. Other areas of the Chugach Forest need also such protection, including the critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula,

0021939-001

We believe it is important to protect as much of it as possible as wilderness.

It is of most importance to us (and to the wildlife) that as much of the delta wetlands be protected as possible through wilderness designation.

We understand that an earlier wilderness recommendation included about half the delta flatlands. We favor that over your present position.

2. Kenai Peninsula

When we visited the Kenai in 1964, we were disturbed that oil activity was taking place on land we thought should be for the moose. On subsequent visits we have enjoyed its wilderness and wildlife. Snow River, with its Paradise Valley and Paradise Lakes, is particularly deserving of wilderness designation.

3. Prince William Sound

We believe the major islands of the Sound, including Montague, Knight, and other smaller islands should be designated wilderness. So also the Wilderness Study Area. Jack and Sawmill Bays off Valdez Arm should be protected

0021969-001

As a result of my recent visit to Alaska, I have maintained a sincere interest in the protection of the incomparable natural resources there. I therefore support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta and other areas of the Chugach National Forest by the U.S. Forest Service. It is most important for wilderness designation to be assigned to the southeastern quarter of the Delta management area, which includes one of our country's largest and most productive wet lands, a true biological treasure wilderness designation is the only way to protect this area from poorly planned roads harmful resource extraction and uncontrolled tourism that would threaten wildlife, Salmon runs and commercial and subsistence fishing in the Delta. The vast majority of residents in Cordova favor Delta wilderness.

I also support wilderness designation for other areas of the Chugach Forest, including Prince William sound (to protect species and lands harmed by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989) as well as protection of brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

0021979-001

Forest Service, please recommend wilderness designation for these critical areas of the Delta:

(1) Copper River Delta wetlands

(2) Prince William Sound

(3) Critical brown bear habitat (Copper, Martin, Bering, & Katalla Rivers).

Comment # Comment

0021985-001

I am writing in support of 'Wilderness Resignation' for the Copper River Delta wetland, for important areas is Prince William Sound the knight & Montague Islands & Jack & Sawmill Bays to help recovery from the Valdez oil spill, and for scenic view & brown bear habitat.

0021988-001

Wilderness area for Kenai river headwaters, preservation Geek Russian river area and the preservation pass trail.

Special wilderness area in the Copper River Delta wetlands twenty mile river valley should be wildness area
wilderness protection for the entire wilderness study area in Prince William sound.

0022055-005

I am pleased that the Plan supports wilderness designation for the wilderness area, and would like to see the Chugach become the standard for strict management of wilderness areas. Additionally, I would like to see the entire forest as the premier example of a quiet forest left in its natural state.

0022077-001

I urge you to consider the wildness of the Chugach National Forest. PROTECT THE WILDERNESS!

0022079-001

As a member of the National Wildlife Federation, I am writing in favor of wilderness designation for the wetlands of the Copper River Delta as well as protections for other valuable parts of the Chugach National Forest such as Prince William Sound.

0022082-001

I urge that the forest service protect the Copper River Delta as a wilderness protection. In addition I believe the other wild areas deserve protection. In particulars wilderness areas in Prince William sound and the Kenai Peninsula should be protected.

0022114-001

Cooper River Delta wetlands merit special wilderness designation. It is recommended that the following areas be managed as wilderness and included as wilderness study areas: Kenai River Headwaters (all of Snow River). Resurrection Creek-Russian River and Resurrection Pass Trail. The Twentymile River Valley is worthy of being wilderness. The Chugach NF should work to ensure the protection and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat in Prince William Sound. The entire Wilderness Study Area should be wilderness!

Comment # Comment

- 0022125-001 . I think that it is important that the Copper River Delta in its entirety, both east and west of the river, be recommended for wilderness status.
- Please recommend wilderness for all of the wild and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes. Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism. Please recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys. Please allow logging only to protect the safety of communities and don't use the spruce bark beetle as an excuse for greater logging in areas that are unroaded and wild. Please ban jet skis and limit ATVs, helicopters and snowmachines to restore the natural quiet on the forest.
- 0022128-001 Just a little note to tell you how concerned we are about the protection of wilderness area in Alaska.
- 0022184-003
- 0022200-003
- 0022205-002
- 0022208-005
- 0022215-001
- 0022220-001 I strongly urge that ALL qualifying Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, be recommended for wilderness designation
I strongly recommend wilderness designation for all eligible areas in Prince William Sound, including Jack and Sawmill Bays, and Knight and Montague Islands.
- I strongly recommend wilderness designation for all critical brown bear habitat areas, including the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Comment # Comment

- 0022221-001 I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.
- 0022223-004 Finally wilderness for all critical bear habitat
- 0022241-001 North America's wetlands have already been destroyed. All efforts need to be made to reverse that number Wilderness should be implemented to protect as many areas of the Chugach National Forest.
- 0022243-001 Thanks for asking for public input concerning the Chugach NF,
I would like to see wilderness protection for more areas than your preferred alternative allows for ALL of the Copper River Delta wetlands, rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla, and places in Prince William Sound like Sawmill and Jack bays.
- 0022250-001 I am writing to strongly urge Wilderness designation for the entire Copper River delta, as well as Prince William Sound's Knight Island, Montague Island, Jack Bay and Sawmill Bay It is the only way to protect their magnificent biodiversity and beauty.
- 0022258-001 I was born and raised in Cordova and I treasure the miracles of Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta. The unbelievable productivity, fish, and wildlife of these unparalleled biological riches must be protected now. The encroachment of industry and tourism will destroy the uniqueness of this area if we let it, like much of the Northwest temperate rainforest.

Prince William Sound still recovers from the Exxon Spill; the effects are obvious and recent; such as killer whale death in August coupled with low productivity, Let Prince William Sound breathe as it continues to recover. Please keep the Delta and Prince William Sound wild! Designate Knight Island, Montague Island, Jack Bay, Sawmill Bay, and wetlands east and west of the Copper River as Wilderness.
- 0022263-002 Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Restore natural quiet on the forest Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines

Comment # Comment

0022272-001

I firmly believe that the entire eastern and western portions of the Copper River Delta should be designated as Wilderness. This is the only way we can guarantee permanent protection for the all the wildlife that depend on this area for their living. The salmon runs and myriad bird species are too valuable to leave to chance. While this is the best solution for the future of all its wildlife and the Eyak Indians if that is not possible at least ensure an easement is negotiated with CAC to protect the area from any roads. We mustn't let this area be spoiled by lumber, mining, oil and gas interests. If can never be replaced if lost.

Please also consider all eligible wild rivers for protection. Salmon and so much of Alaska's wildlife and native communities depend on these in their clear unpolluted state Also there are areas around Prince William Sound that need Wilderness designation in order to further promote wildlife recover from the Exxon Valdez tragedy.

In all areas big business ecotourism needs careful monitoring We don't need this wonderful area to be loved death. It's up to you what legacy we leave our children. Already so much of the Alaska I knew as a child in the 30's is forever gone. We can't afford to lose more.

0022273-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of wild salmon, shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend ALL eligible wild and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Use logging only to protect the safety of communities. Do not use the spruce bark beetle as an excuse for more logging in wild unroaded areas.

Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.

Jesse Counterterman

Comment # Comment

0022275-001

The wilderness of Alaska is almost the last of America's wilderness. It is unthinkable that the US government does not put wilderness protection at the top of its list for important legislative decisions I am tired of this country making party politicians, big-money businessmen, utilities, and pork barrel its priorities. Wilderness for ALL of the Copper River Delta wetlands should only be a part of the ongoing legislation to save America's habitats, not just the beginning. This habitat unfortunately needs permanent protection for the animals that make it their home. This protection should not even be debated. Wilderness is necessary for the future of my children, and is not necessary for the interests that want to exploit it as the way to make another easy buck at the expense of MY America The tourist industry is a sad excuse for the reasons to exploit and 'improve' this habitat Were it not for T. Roosevelt, there would be a housing development on the rim of the Grand Canyon Were it not for Rachel Carson there would be few, if any, songbirds and birds of prey due to poisons such as DDT (which the chemical industry strongly tried to silence so the public would not know of the consequences of these poisons) Were it not for the Carter administration in the first place, Alaska's wildlife would not have been set aside for wilderness. Wilderness should not be tampered with. Once it is destroyed or even pushed beyond its own resilience, it cannot be recovered. Haven't we learned this already with the mistakes and horrors of the past? The era of oil spills has already caused a great deal of wildlife death in the Alaskan ecosystem. Why does our government think they have the right to tamper with the legacy that is MINE? There is no longer a choice for limited human use of habitats. The answer should be NO to any use of this wilderness, and should be a strong message for the future of all of America's conservation efforts!

0022288-004

- There is no analysis of the impacts wilderness designations would have on access to private inholdings, adjacent private lands, or potentially developable land within the forest.

0022325-001

Most of the Chugach National Forest qualifies for the Wilderness designation and I would like to recommend that all areas of Chugach National Forest that qualify for the Wilderness designation, especially the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula, be given the Wilderness designation.

0022326-003

In the Prince William sound I support recommendation of the entire wilderness study area, Knight and Montague I stands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays as wilderness. This will provide protection from future oil spills and the inevitable increase in tourism.

I support recommendation of wilderness designation in the Kenai Peninsula to protect brown bears and their habitat, and to limit motor vehicle use. Specifically, Resurrection creek, Snow River and twentymile river should be designated wilderness.

Comment # Comment

- 0022327-001 I urge you to provide further full wilderness protection than your draft EIS would provide for the Chugach Nat'l Forest. Specifically to include Wilderness status for:
- Prince William Sound: Wilderness study area, Knight & Montague islands
Jack & Sawmill Bays
- Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek & River area Snow River. Twentymile.
- Copper River Delta: Southeastern portion (as is your early drafts, Copper, Martin Bering, Kaballa Rivers, Alagunitz Slough, [Illegible] and Bering lakes.
- 0022333-001 I wish to recommend to the Forest Service Wilderness designation for critical areas of the Copper River Delta. First protection of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, to provide permanent protection for the habitat of salmon, shorebirds, waterfowl, bears, wolves and others.
- Second, protection of areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, for species recovery from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
- Third, wilderness designation for the critical brown bear habitat, including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla rivers, which are wild and scenic rivers.
- 0022337-001 In particular, three regions within the Chugach Forest must be recognized for their great value and protected as designated Wilderness. The wetlands of the Copper River Delta are the largest on the pacific coast, and are essential habitat for numerous bird species. The Delta's watershed also sustains precious salmon runs. Prince William Sound also deserves special attention. It is only now beginning to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and the extent of possible recovery is unclear. It must be protected from the impact of further commercial and recreational activities. The entirety of the Wilderness Study Area proposed by Congress should be designated wilderness. Lastly, the Kenai Peninsula provides habitat for brown bears, and as such, recreational access should be limited.
- 0022344-001 I am writing to you pertaining to the wilderness areas as defined by the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, and Kenai Peninsula.
- Copper River Delta should remain wilderness for all the wetlands both east and west of the river. It is necessary to remember that the area is the largest wetlands complex on the Pacific coast of North America, and is described as supporting more than 16 million shorebirds and other waterfowl. The Delta sustains the most prized salmon runs in the world, and the building of a 55-mile road through these sensitive wetlands is unconscionable and should be prohibited.
- The Prince William Sound is recovering nicely from the oil spill and recommend wilderness Study Area, for Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, and should be kept as wilderness to help protect recovering species.
- Conservationists urge wilderness for the Kenai Peninsula to protect habitat for brown bears and in addition reduce vehicular use.
- The Chugach National Forest with emphasis on, 'National as of a nation' as defined by Webster's dictionary, I believe that infers the forests belong to all citizens of this country and therefore, should and must be protected in its entirety for the enjoyment of both animals and people.

Comment # Comment

- 0022350-001 I am writing to urge you to recommend the Copper River Delta and the surrounding National Forest be designated as a wilderness area.
- The area has so much to offer in its wilderness state that will be slowly, inexorably destroyed over time as development encroaches into the region.
- We do not need another strip mall, another housing development, another highway.
- We have plenty of those. The developers will find places and ways to make their money even without the Copper River Delta.
- But the developers cannot create more natural habitat. They cannot build wetlands; or nesting areas for the trumpeter swans; or homes for beavers and otters; or rivers and streams that feed the Copper River.
- Nature can and has done all that. And we can only preserve it for the benefit of ourselves and the entire eco-system that depends on it.
- Please recommend the Copper River Delta designation as a wilderness area.
- 0022405-001 I am writing to urge you to recommend that the following areas in the Chugach National Forest be designated wilderness:
- COPPER RIVER DELTA: All of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.
 - PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: 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.
 - KENAI PENINSULA: Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use.
- 0022453-002 (1) Designate wilderness on Copper River Delta wetlands east & west of
- (2) Designate wilderness for the wilderness study area in Prince William Sound and twenty mile river valley.
- 0022454-001 Wilderness Designations needed:
- (1) Copper River Delta
 - (2) Kenai lake, recreation creek, Russian River
 - (3) Entire PWS wilderness study area
 - (4) Upper placer and upper twenty mile river
- 0022493-002 I encourage you to designate wilderness areas on Copper River flats and the road less section of the Chugach Forest.

Comment # Comment

0022515-001 I am writing regarding my opinions on the future of the Chugach. What I would like to see is a great deal more protection on what is the last great remaining temperate rainforest in North America. That such an amazing thing still exists, and as of yet still mostly roadless, is wonderful. We should not let anything happen to ruin it. And as a preface to my request I would like to state that while the impacts of development of the Chugach may be felt more by neighbors, it is Federal land, and as such consideration of all Americans' opinions on it's use should be weighted the same.

 I would like to see a large amount of wilderness designation. I would like to see wilderness protection of the Copper River Delta.

 I want to see all of the rivers protected as Wild and Scenic, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla rivers, as well as protection for the Alaganik slough and Martin and Bering lakes. This precious area is threatened by road building to extract timber, minerals, coal, and oil from adjacent lands. I don't want to see this area damaged as such.

 I want to see wilderness protection for the Prince William Sound. I would like increased protections from the 1984 Forest Plan, and wilderness protection for all areas of the Wilderness Study Area, and any areas necessary for the rehabilitation of the ecosystem and it's still recovering species.

 There also needs to be wilderness protection for the Kenai Peninsula. The Resurrection Creek and River areas, the Snow River, and the Twentymile need protection. There needs to be a decrease in snowmobile use, as well as any other means of helping to protect the brown bear population.

 Over the whole forest, I am very happy to see your consideration of a 'no commercial timber harvest.' I do urge extreme caution, however, in the acceptance of salvage logging. Salvage logging by for-profit timber companies ALWAYS ends up bad for the forest. Natural damage do forests, such as fire and disease, do not ruin the forest. Such things are a regular part of their lifecycle, and as such, they are well prepared to come back from what many people consider wrongly to be devastation. Logging, however, permanently ruins a forest. And salvage logging is really just plain logging. And it is all too often clearcutting, causing the runoff of soils and the death of the soil microflora in what remains. The forest cannot recover from such a state.

 When salvage is deemed necessary, it must be done as a non-profit endeavor. Timber companies will only harvest as long as there is profit involved, and such profit only comes from taking high volumes of good timber, not the 'overgrowth' that many consider a hazard (and often wrongly at that).

Comment # Comment

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I would like to see a large amount of wilderness designation. I would like to see wilderness protection of the Copper River Delta. At 700,000 acres it is the largest wetlands complex on the Pacific Coast of North America and is considered one of the most important shorebird habitats in the western hemisphere. I want to see all of the rivers protected as Wild and Scenic, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla rivers, as well as protection for the Alaganik slough and Martin and Bering lakes. This precious area is threatened by road building to extract timber, minerals, coal, and oil from adjacent lands. I don't want to see this area damaged as such.

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There also needs to be wilderness protection for the Kenai Peninsula. The Resurrection Creek and River areas, the Snow River, and the Twentymile need protection. There needs to be a decrease in snowmobile use, as well as any other means of helping to protect the brown bear population.

Over the whole forest, I am very happy to see your consideration of a 'no commercial timber harvest.' I do urge extreme caution, however, in the acceptance of salvage logging. Salvage logging by for-profit timber companies ALWAYS ends up bad for the forest. Natural damage do forests, such as fire and disease, do not ruin the forest. Such things are a regular part of their lifecycle, and as such, they are well prepared to come back from what many people consider wrongly to be devastation. Logging, however, permanently ruins a forest. And salvage logging is really just plain logging. And it is all too often clearcutting, causing the runoff of soils and the death of the soil microflora in what remains. The forest cannot recover from such a state.

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Comment # Comment

0022516-001

1. In regard to the Copper River Delta, we feel that the Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river should receive wilderness designation. This should include all eligible wild and scenic rivers in the Chugach Forest, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla rivers, as well as the Alaganik Slough and Martin and Bering Lakes.
2. In regard to the Kenai Peninsula, we feel that the Forest Service should recommend wilderness to specifically protect the Alaskan brown bears and their habitat. This should include Resurrection Creek, Resurrection River, Snow River, and Twentymile.
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.

0022516-003

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.

0022521-001

I would like to comment on the release draft plan for the Chugach National Forest. At present, the nation's 2nd largest national forest @ 5.5 million acres has no designated 'wilderness'. This should be rectified.

The areas of Prince William Sound, the Kenai Peninsula, and the Copper River Delta are all deserving of such protection.

0022525-001

In particular, the final forest plan adopted should recommend Wilderness protection for the entire Copper River Delta, the Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound, Knight and Montague Islands, and critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

Comment # Comment

0022526-001

I think you should give full wilderness protection to the whole Copper River Delta to protect this essential habitat of brown bears and so many other species of wildlife and salmon.

I would also like to see full protection given to those places in Prince William Sound that were affected by the oil spill, to give them a chance to recover fully, and to the critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

Most of all I don't think you should allow any new roads in roadless areas and especially not allow any logging or mining.

0022529-001

Of great concern to me is the need for wilderness protection to preserve the wetlands ecosystem, and protect it from drilling, road building, and timber and mining that would threaten the viability of this important system.

0022542-002

In particular, the final forest plan should recommend Wilderness protection for the entire Copper River Delta (50 lb area), the entire Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound, Knight and Montague Islands, and critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

0022599-001

My name is Kevin and I read about what is gonna happen to the wilderness up in Alaska. I feel you should not destroy the wilderness. If you do need to build up new development's it should some were where there is no national forest.

0022644-001

As an ALASKAN and part owner of our public lands, I STRONGLY REQUEST WILDERNESS PROTECTION FOR THE COPPER RIVER DELTA and other wild areas of our Chugach National Forest.

COPPER RIVER DELTA: Wilderness, Ease and West of the Copper River for the largest intact wetlands ecosystem on the Pacific Coast of North America, habitat for healthy wild salmon and commercial fishing, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, moose, brown bears, wolves, beavers, and more.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: Recommend Wilderness for the entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight Island, Montague island, and Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species not yet recovered from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect wildlands from being overrun by unregulated large-scale industrial tourism.

KENAI PENINSULA: Wilderness for critical brown bear habitat, the watershed of the world famous Kenai River, and the Snow River, Resurrection Creek, and 20 Mile River valleys.

0022684-002

Please designate to entire Copper River Delta (5016 area), all of the wilderness study area in Prince William Sound, Knight Island and Montague Is. also include for wilderness. The critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, such as Kenai River [Illegible], pass trail and Russian River / resurrection Creek areas and don't put a utility corridor is critical bean habitat.

Comment # Comment

0022686-001

Most important: The Copper River Delta wetlands should be given nothing less than a wilderness designation.

There probably should also be wilderness area studies done on areas of Prince William Sound.

There should be a wilderness area for Kayakers set aside [Illegible] it could be easily accessed from Whittier.

0022708-001

What specific improvements would you recommend for the Preferred Alternative?

(1) To [Illegible] and protect environmental and economic worth. I would suggest designating re following as wilderness areas (with re [Illegible] ask subsistence and spot hunting, fishing and happens be allowed where it does not [Illegible] endanger [Illegible] flora and fauna populations)!

- a) Copper River Delta wetlands
- b) Kenai River [Illegible] waters
- c) [Illegible] South Copper River
- d) Resurrection Creek - [Illegible] River
- e) Marlin Lake
- f) Twenty Mile River Valley
- g) [Illegible] Pass Trail

0022711-001

What specific improvements would you recommend for the Preferred Alternative?

Please designate the Chugach National Forest as a wilderness area to protect it from the impact of motorized vehicles and timber development.

0022711-004

Make the entire wilderness study area of Prince William Sound a designated wilderness area. - Please!

Resurrection Pass trail - wilderness area please!

Show river area - wilderness. Russian River - wilderness.

What do you support in the proposed forest plan?

Designation of wilderness areas.

0022731-003

Twenty mile River Valley [Illegible] from scenic to wild, I believe all of the Chugach should be designated a wilderness all the rivers as wild or scenic. .

0022753-001

Because technological innovation in motorized transport does not cease, the forest service must act now to establish guide lines and regulations for what will be allowed the best choice is banning of motorized traffic and establishment of wilderness areas in 'Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound wilderness study area, Kenai River Headwaters resurrection pass trail area.

Comment # Comment

0022774-002

The opportunity for the owners of these federal lands to recommend the best designation for protecting of fish and wildlife which is wilderness designation.

0022776-002

That you recommend the [Illegible] R. Valley Twentymile R. Valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow R. Valley a wilderness. I also urge the designation of the Copper [Illegible], Bering & [Illegible] River [Illegible] & Martin & Bering Lakes as [Illegible] scenic

0022779-001

but there is no wilderness protection recommendation for the wetland habitat of the Copper River Delta!

Please add this vital area to your recommendations - This would protect the salmon, [Illegible], brown bear, wolves, etc. Habitat in this rapidly shrinking area.

Also, Knight & Montague Island in Princes William sound, still becoming from the Exxon oil spill

And, critical here habitat & Copper, Martin, Bering & Katella river while all steel can.

0022784-001

I would urge keeping the Copper River Delta wetlands a wilderness - no clear cutting, coal mining, oil or gas drilling - no large scale industrial tourism.

Also I urge wilderness for areas of Prince Williams Sound, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow & 20 River Valleys.

0022786-001

There are three main areas of the forest that I would like to see designated Wilderness.
The Copper River Delta that contains both wetlands and a prized salmon run should be saved from development of roads, logging and the exploitation of the land through mining.
Prince William Sound was covered in oil eleven years ago as a result of the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
The final area of the forest is the Kenai Peninsula. While this area of the forest is already road accessible we can limit the use of motorized recreation vehicles and help protect the Brown Bear population in this area by placing a Wilderness designation on Resurrection Creek and River and Snow Creek.

0022793-001

It is very important that you recommend wilderness designation for the following critical areas:

The Copper River Delta wetlands, both East and West of the river.

Important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Critical brown bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalls rivers.

0022809-001

I would like to specifically request that the following areas be made wilderness: Kenai River headwaters, Twentymile River Valley and the entire Prince William Sound wilderness study area. I would very much like to see the following islands be protected with a wilderness designation: Knight, Montague, Ignot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk and Smith. I would like to see Whittier-accessible wilderness for kayakers.

Comment # Comment

0022830-001

In particular, I ask that Wilderness protections be granted to these three key areas within the Chugach; The Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, and the Kenai Peninsula:

0022843-001

The Copper River delta is too special to be left to incremental development and disturbance. So, please select a wilderness designation for the area instead. Also, please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound. Also, please recommend wilderness for important areas the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek Snow and Twenty Mile River valleys.

0022845-001

We, Helen & Colleen Carr, strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta Wetlands

(2) Prince William Sound and

(3) Kenai River Valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and 20-mile River Valleys

0022932-001

I would urge your recommend wilderness designation for these critical areas of the Delta.

The valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help species to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Critical brown bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers including Copper, martin, Bering and Katalla rivers.

0022933-001

We are writing to ask the forest service to recommend wilderness designation for critical areas of the Copper River Delta.

In Prince William Sound, these core areas such as knight and Montague Islands and bays which are helping species recover from the Valdez oil spill.

The above areas need wilderness designation as do the eligible rivers (wild and scenic) which include the Copper, martin, Bering and Katalla rivers.

0022935-001

Please recommend wilderness designation for these critical areas of the Delta

The valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Important areas in Prince William sound like knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Critical brown bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers including the Copper martin, Bering and Katalla river.

Comment # Comment

0022941-001 I would like to urge wilderness status for the Copper River Delta areas the Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and for Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

Let keep out undesirable activities by their future wilderness designation.

0022942-001 Your draft forest plan for the Chugach does not include wilderness protection for the wetland habitat of the Copper River Delta. You should also protect Prince William Sound!

Please use wilderness designation for the protection of:

1.) Copper R. Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. This would aid salmon, shorebirds, waterfowl, and brown bears, wolves and other creatures!

2.) The Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, and

3.) Critical brown bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla Rivers!

0022944-001 I am writing to my strong desire that the Forest Service recommend wilderness designation for critical areas of the Delta. The Cooper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

The areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays must be protected to help nature recover from the Exxon Valdez Oil spill.

The areas of Cooper, Martin, Bering and Katalla Rivers which are critical to brown bear must also be protected.

0022947-002 Wilderness Designation

Please revert back to previous recommendations for Wilderness Classification for the Forest. This includes designating the entire Copper River Delta as a Wilderness. The area is critical habitat for migrating waterfowl. I can attest to this from evidence of the Cordova Bird Festival.

Also, designate Wilderness Areas on the Kenai Peninsula, such as the Resurrection Pass Trail from Hope to Cooper Landing. Omit the trail though; as many mountain bikers travel the route include myself annually.

Currently, the Preferred Alternative suggests Wilderness Classification for areas composed mostly of ice, snow, or barren areas (65% - figure based on GIS analysis conducted with ARC/INFO). I suggest more Wilderness Designation of more ecosystems.

0022949-001 I urge you to include the Chugach National Forest, or at least a large part of it, in the National Wilderness Protection System.

Comment # Comment

0022954-001

The Chugach National Forest, the second largest national forest in the United States, is one of the most beautiful and diverse places I have ever visited. Although 98 percent of this forest is roadless, I understand that it has no designated wilderness. This is a grave mistake which needs to be remedied.

Because so much of the forest (unlike most national forests) is wetland habitat, it is particularly important that these areas be preserved in the national wilderness system. The Copper River delta and Prince William Sound are certainly in this category.

I would hope that the final Forest Plan Revision would recommend these areas for wilderness.

0022955-001

I understand the draft plan that includes eight options, but the one that the agency prefers fails to recommend wilderness for some of the most biologically rich areas.

No additions at all were proposed for the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River and Knight & Montague Islands in the Prince William Sound.

We would hope that motorized activities, heli-skiing, and proposed resorts do not jeopardize the wild character of these lands.

0022971-001

I urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for the following critical areas of the Delta:

1. Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. This would protect permanently the habitat of salmon, shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, wolves and more.
2. Important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays,
3. Critical brown bear habitat and all eligible wild and scenic rivers, including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla rivers.

Comment # Comment

0022976-001

I understand that although about 98% of the 5.5 million acre Chugach National Forest is roadless, there is no designated wilderness on the whole forest.

I urge you to recommend for statutory wilderness the following areas:

COPPER RIVER DELTA - This is the largest wetland complex on the Pacific coast of North America, about 700,000 acres.. the Delta is threatened by a proposed 55 mile road, logging, oil & gas leasing, and coal mining. All of the roadless land in the Copper River Delta should have wilderness protection.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND - Many species are not yet considered recovered from the Exxon Valdez oil spill a decade ago. . You should recommend wilderness designation for at least the 2 million acre WSA which Congress specified earlier.

KENAI PENINSULA - Subdivisions, logging, and increased motorized use have adversely affected brown bears. You should recommend wilderness designation for all of the NF roadless areas on the Peninsula to protect the bears, and other natural values.

0022978-001

I am writing in response to an article about the Chugach national forest and the Copper River Delta. It is of great concern for these areas that I would recommend you to designate there as wilderness areas. The Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river need to be permanently protected as habitat and more. Important areas in Prince William sound like Knight and Montague islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays all need to be designated to help species continue their recovery from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. We must not forget critical brown bear habitat and all eligible wild and scenic river including the Copper, Martin, Bering, and the Katalla river.

0022981-001

Following are my comments, thoughts and recommendations on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

Do designate Chugach National Forest as Wilderness, also:

- Kenai River Headwaters
- Resurrection Creek-Russian River
- Resurrection Pass Trail
- More Wild River Designations Across the Kenai.

Do change Twentymile River from scenic to Wild.

Protect Prince William Sound, make it Wilderness for the entire Wilderness Study Areas. Make all the islands possible in Prince William Sound Wilderness.

Above all keep the Copper River Delta Wild.

0023004-001

We carefully need to protect, all roadless areas from near roads and logging. [Illegible] wilderness is our only hope - protections for entire Copper River Delta, entire wilderness study area in Prince William Sound, Knight or Montague Islands and critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

Comment # Comment

0023006-001

Please consider giving wilderness designation for the wetlands of the Copper River Delta as well as protection for other valuable parts of the Chugach National Forest like Prince William Sound.

Protect the valuable Copper River wetlands, (both east and west of the river) This would permanently protect the habitat of salmon, shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, wolves and more.

0023015-003

I am writing in reference to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Chugach National Forest.

Please recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands, important areas in Prince William Sound, brown bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers.

0023015-004

I am writing in reference to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Chugach National Forest.

Please recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands, important areas in Prince William Sound, brown bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers.

0023016-002

Please do what you can to be sure our public lands remain wild and free for generations to come to enjoy.

0023019-001

Please consider adding lowland areas in future wilderness designated areas within Alaska's Chugach. We need additional protection for the rivers in this area as only a minority of the 23 eligible rivers are recommended for addition to the Wild and Scenic River system. The Copper River Delta is an important migratory bird area. The importance of the Kenai Peninsula is clear.

0023024-002

I urge you to adopt a modified Alternative F in the forest plan, strengthened as follows:

- Designate as wilderness all qualified federal lands in the Nellie Juan-College Fjord Wilderness Study Area.

- Replace the backcountry management areas with more protective wilderness designation - except in the immediate environs of the existing developed areas.

- Adopt the Citizens Alternative for wild and scenic rivers, which nominates some rivers overlooked by the Forest Service.

I am particularly concerned with the fragile Copper River Delta. To leave that area open for commercial access would be a tragedy. The plan as is mostly protects glaciers. It is the river valleys necessary for the wildlife that need protection. Please don't ruin our last wilderness. The Chugach National Forest needs protection - the fjords, bays, and inlets of Prince William Sound, the migratory bird haven of the Copper River Delta, the bear habitat of the Kenai Peninsula.

Comment # Comment

0023028-001

Please lets protect what little reminds of our wilderness areas & set an outstanding example for most other nations.

Please kept the Chugach wild.

0023029-001

Any 'revision' of policy and operations on national lands today is cause for immediate citizen concern and investigation. It usually gives more, much more, to industrial loggers, road builders, the ATV - helicopter, etc..

If your revision transfers the Chugach in its entirety to the wilderness system, I will accept and applaud your 'revision.'

0023041-001

Please include the following areas of the Chugach National Forest in the National Wilderness Preservation System: the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

0023053-001

I am requesting that the U.S. Forest Service please protect the Copper River Delta by designating it as a wilderness area. . I ask that wilderness protection be designated for other areas of the Chugach Forest (this would include brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula) as well. Also, the Prince William Sound wilderness study area needs some protection to help species recover from the 1989 oil spill.

I would be grateful for any information from you regarding your present views on this subject. This issue is of extreme importance to me and, therefore, I would appreciate an update on the latest developments.

0023077-001

Please protect these vital areas in the Chugach with 'wilderness designation'

0023079-001

Concerning the Chugach National forest. I am personally very concerned because none of the Chugach N. F. has been recommended for NWPS. (One point five million areas of the wildest National Forest of all.)

Or at least to recommend wilderness protection for the most biologically rich areas?

Copper River Delta. Resurrection Creek and river areas, twentymile, Snow River, and knight and Montague Islands - to name a few.

0023081-001

The best tool available to preserve the essential fisheries, critical wildlife habitat, and backcountry recreation of the Chugach is to designate conservation and wilderness areas.

Comment # Comment

0023116-003

I'm in favor of designation wilderness areas.

0023148-002

I also urge that the following areas be recommended as wilderness areas: Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River); Kenai River Headwaters; the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region; Knight Island; Montague Island; Twentymile River Valley; Critical Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear Habitat.

0023159-001

Please help protect these lands by designating as Wilderness the special areas listed below.

COPPER RIVER DELTA: Please recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. Additionally, all eligible wild and scenic rivers forest-wide should be recommended, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: Please 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.

KENAI PENINSULA: Please recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0023164-001

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0023167-001

We are writing concerning the Forest Service Draft EI on the Chugach National Forest. We urge you to recommend wilderness designation for several areas in the Forest. These should include the Copper River Delta, the wild and scenic rivers that feed the Delta, and critical areas in Prince William Sound such as Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays.

0023192-001

I would like to add my voice to those recommending wilderness status for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

I also encourage you to propose wilderness status for all eligible wild and scenic rivers on the Forest, including the Copper, Bering, Martin, and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

I would also like to see wilderness status for important areas in Prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Island, Jack and Sawmill Bay to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, as well as to protect the Sound from large-scale Industrial tourism.

I encourage your to recommend wilderness status for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River Valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Comment # Comment

0023193-001

More wilderness areas should be designated given the outstanding qualities of much of the Chugach.

0023199-001

I vehemently urge your office to designate critical wilderness habitat in our national forest of Chugach.

0023201-001

The environmental impact statement for the Chugach national forest does not provide for protection of the valuable wetlands habitat of the Copper River Delta.

The final ELS should include wilderness designation for: both the east west sides of the river's to permanently protect the wildlife there, for important areas in Prince William Sound to help the wild life to

continue recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and for a critical brown bear and all eligible wild and scenic rivers such as the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla rivers.

Please make wilderness designation for these critical areas.

0023208-001

You have the opportunity to allow these lands to continue to be ecologically productive by declaring the Copper River Delta a 'wilderness' designated area.

Likewise, I urge you to designate Knight & Montague Islands and Sawmill & Jack Bays wilderness.

I urge a wilderness designation for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River Valley, Resurrection creek, Snow and Twentymile River Valleys.

Logging use of the forest needs to be selective and burned from these areas I would like you to designate as 'wilderness'

The time is now for preservation - do it by keeping the Chugach roadless and declaring these areas as 'wilderness'.

0024087-001

0024271-001

0024315-001

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0024316-001

0024460-001 There is always the possibility of another oil spill similar to the 1989 Exxon spill and therefore I would like to see wilderness protection enacted for the above.

0024489-001

0026102-001

- * COPPER RIVER DELTA -
- * PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND -
- * KENAI PENINSULA -

I do not agree with changing the designation of above areas to 'wilderness area'

0026278-001

The Chugach National Forest needs protection from motorized activities, heli-skiing and from unwarranted and unwelcome resort development. Everyone enjoys the benefits of clean air, clean water and solitude which wilderness areas provide. I urge you to include the Chugach National Forest in the National Wilderness Preservation System for the benefit of all people who enjoy our public lands. Other key areas that deserve protection are the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River, and Montague and Knight Islands.

0026638-002

I also encourage you to recommend these places for Wilderness Status: Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays in Prince William Sound; the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes as well as the entire southeast portion of the Copper River Delta.

0026645-001

Recommend WILDERNESS designation for ALL the wetlands of the Copper River Delta, ALL eligible wild and scenic rivers, areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays, ALL critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0026865-001

1. Recommend wilderness designation under the Wilderness Presentation System for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta.
3. Recommend; Wilderness designation for eligible areas in Prince William Sound, such as the Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays.
4. Recommend; Wilderness designation for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, in the Kenai River valley, on Resurrection Creek, and in the Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Comment # Comment

0026866-001

We are very concerned that the plan preferred by the agency does not recommend wilderness for some of the most biologically rich areas. We don't understand at all why no additions at all were proposed for the Copper River Delta, a world-renowned spot for migratory birds and salmon. In addition, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound were all passed over.

We ask you to please include these areas in the final plan.

0028157-002

These regions, of the Chugach and the enlightened millions, cry out and demand 'wilderness' protection.

. You good people and conservationists know how very much needs full Wilderness protection.

0028475-001

I strongly request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest:

0028479-001

I request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, and the Kenai Peninsula.

0028480-001

I specifically request formal Wilderness designation for the entire Copper River Delta area as part of this study. Additionally, the Prince William Sound region should be included in the Study area to protect this region from the Whittier Road opening, and the Kenai Peninsula and River watershed should also be part of this protection as Wilderness.

0028481-001

I support wilderness protection for the Copper River delta and other public wild areas in the Chugach National Forest. I urge wilderness protection for as much of this unspoiled area as possible.

0028482-001

I strongly request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula.

The Prince William Sound Wilderness study area should be expanded. Wildlands should be protected from the Whittier Road opening.

The Kenai Peninsula, watershed of the Kenai River, is outstanding brown bear habitat and should also be granted wilderness protection.

0028484-001

I would like to comment briefly regarding the Copper River Delta, PWS and Kenai Peninsula.

As a long-time former resident of Alaska, who has traveled widely throughout Alaska, I ordinarily would not support wilderness protection for most areas. But I believe the above mentioned deserve this protection. I would not, however, support national park status for any of the mentioned areas. Wilderness status is adequate.

Comment # Comment

- 0028485-001 I strongly request that you give wilderness protection for the Copper River delta and these other areas of the Chugach National Forest.
- Prince William Sound: a wilderness in the wilderness study area with Knight Island, Montague Island and Jack and Sawmill bay,
- Kenai Peninsula: a wilderness habitat for brown bear plus protection for Snow River and other important area.
- 0028494-002 I'm very much against creating or designating more wilderness areas.
- 0028495-001 I'm not in favor of making any more Wilderness areas. That is simply too drastic of a step; it closes the door to too many things. Sufficient planning and control can be done by applying specific control under the forest designation, I would think.
- 0028496-001 As part owners of our public lands, WE STRONGLY REQUEST WILDERNESS PROTECTION FOR THE COPPER RIVER DELTA and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest.
- 0028497-001 I believe that the ENTIRE watershed of the Copper River be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- In addition, wilderness study areas such as around Price William Sound should be expanded. Furthermore, the Kenai River Watershed should be included in the Wilderness System along with the Copper River Delta.
- 0028499-001 I am requesting that the US Forest Service provide Wilderness Protection for the Copper River Delta and the other wild areas of the Chugach National forest. I believe the protection should include the following areas:
- Copper River Delta
- Prince William Sound
- Kenai Peninsula
- 0029108-001 I am very much in favor of a Wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound and Kenai River Watershed.
- 0029110-002 It is imperative that the Forest Service recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

Comment # Comment

0029112-002

We therefore strongly support the concept of designating the entire Copper River valley and delta, and the Resurrection Creek and River areas on the Kenai, plus Snow River, as Wilderness.

0026288-001

The proposal your service prefers fails to recommend wilderness for some of the most biologically rich areas. No additions at all were proposed for the Copper River Delta, and you passed over the Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

0026294-001

We hope that the preferred alternative that is developed in the final forest plan can include wilderness designation for these areas.

0026296-001

I just wanted to let you know that I was rather disappointed that your draft 'preferred' plan for the Chugach National Forest fails to recommend wilderness protection for a number of deserving, biologically rich areas.

I would have liked to have seen additions for the Copper River Delta in addition to Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

Sincerely,

John G. Augustine

0026298-001

Montague Is. should be wilderness.

Entire East Delta should be wilderness.

Russian / Resurrection Creek should be wilderness.

0026353-001

Please revise your projected environmental impact statement to include protection for the wetland habitat of the copper river delta. You have not recommended any protection for the valuable parts of the Chugach either, such as Prince William Sound.

0026361-001

I am writing to voice my support to protect the Chugach National Forest by inclusion into the NWPS.

Comment # Comment

0026379-001

I am writing to voice my support to protect the Chugach National Forest by inclusion into the NWPS. I also believe the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek, Twentymile & Snow River and the Knight and Montague Islands should be protected from invasion of motorized activities, logging and oil drilling.

0026380-002

At this point, there is no wilderness protection in the Chugach National Forest and I would encourage you to provide wilderness protection to the entire copper river delta area and the wilderness study area in Prince William Sound, on Knight and Montague Islands. Also, I want to encourage you to protect as wilderness areas the critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

0026385-001

I urge you to amend your proposed plan for the Forest to include placing areas meeting wilderness criteria in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Specifically, areas such as the Copper River delta, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

0026386-001

I am writing to urge you to include areas meeting wilderness criteria in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Specifically, your plan omits wilderness protection for sensitive areas such as the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

0026392-001

Keeper makes the following recommendations to the draft plan:

- Wilderness and Wild River designations are the best management options for protecting brown bear, moose, waterfowl, wetlands and water quality in the Kenai headwaters (Snow River area), Resurrection Creek-Russian River area, and Resurrection Pass Trail. These options will promote the economic, environmental and recreational values needed to sustain these valuable areas.
- The Twentymile River Valley can provide accessible wilderness opportunities for winter and summer recreation. As a result, its designation should be changed from 'scenic' to 'wilderness.'
- The draft plan should strive to incorporate citizen volunteers to monitor water quality throughout the Chugach National Forest.

Comment # Comment

0026394-001

I am writing you regarding the protection of three vital areas: the Copper River Delta wetlands; Prince William Sound and Kenai Peninsula.

COPPER RIVER DELTA: I urge you to urge to recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river. Further, I urge you to include all eligible wild and scenic rivers forest-wide, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: I urge you to urge 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.

KENAI PENINSULA: I urge you to urge to recommend wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0026396-001

I beg you to protect these areas

COPPER RIVER DELTA: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. The Forest Service had recommended Wilderness for the southeastern portion of the Delta in an early draft of their preferred alternative, but changed that recommendation in the Draft EIS. Additionally, all eligible wild and scenic rivers forest-wide should be recommended, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

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.

KENAI PENINSULA: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0026402-001

COPPER RIVER DELTA: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

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.

KENAI PENINSULA: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

Comment # Comment

0026403-001

0026404-001 As an avid backpacker who wishes to preserve natural parts of the world for my children, I feel it is imperative that we demand protection of our wilderness.

0026409-001

I urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. I believe that all eligible wild and scenic rivers forest-wide should be recommended, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

I urge the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0026418-001

Please elect to declare as wilderness the Copper River Delta, the Kenai Peninsula, and Prince William Sound.

0026419-001

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, and am requesting that you fully protect this area, including the Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound, and the Copper River Delta. As one of the world's last remaining intact rainforests

0026422-001

I am writing to urge you to designate Alaska's Chugach National Forest as Wilderness.

0026432-001

I believe that everything possible should be done to maintain these lands as protected wildlife refuges, federally protected with no time limitation loopholes as to how long it remain untouched by development and oil companies. I am interested in all applicable Alaskan land and particularly the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, and Kenai Peninsula.

0026433-001

I certainly want to emphasize the need to keep this special portion of our country as untouched as possible.

I support the movement to keep the Copper River Delta, the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound a Wilderness Area.

Comment # Comment

0026435-001

I am writing to voice my opinion that the Chugach National forest should be designated and protected as a Wilderness area. As someone who has worked as a seasonal employee in the area, I know the economic value the area holds in being maintained as as wilderness. As more and more of the lower 48 is logged and developed, people will be looking to Alaska as a destination for escape. Not only will failing to protect this area damage the area itself, it will also damage the image and mystique people hold for the entire state. This will result in economic loss that will never be able to be clearly counted. Clearly, the greatest use of this land that will bring the most benefit to the people of Alaska and the United States is as wilderness. The short term gain of exploitation and development will will ultimately be detrimental to the region.

0026438-001

I wish to encourage the preservation of the forests of the Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta Area. By designating these areas as protected wilderness areas, maybe they will remain undeveloped. I urge you, on behalf of future generations (I am 72) to protect these three areas of our national forest by designating them protected wilderness areas. The Copper River Delta should not be impacted by Korean interest. Native Americans should be encouraged to protect these national treasures as their own future unfolds. Price William Sound is a classic example of the price nature pays for expedient and reckless commercial endeavors. The W.S.A., as part of the A.N.I.L.C.A., was clearly a statement on the part of our law makers to protect as wilderness this nearly two million acres of much needed rain forest and habitat. Kenai should also be designated wilderness, specifically, Resurrection Creek, Snow River and Twenty Mile

0026442-001

With regards to the Alaskan Wilderness, it seems pretty obvious that what with as few rainforests as there are in the world, this one needs to be given Wilderness designation and protection.

0026446-001

I want to state my support for Wilderness status for the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, and Kenai Peninsula. I think that a limit on motorized vehicles in all parks and wilderness areas in the country should be imposed.

0026449-001

As a U.S. citizen I urge you to support the following areas for protection as Wilderness under the Chugach Land Management Plan.

COPPER RIVER DELTA: Wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: Wilderness for the entire Wilderness Study Area,

KENAI PENINSULA: Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat I want to see these areas preserved for perpetuity as Wilderness. Please ensure this through your recommendations.

Comment # Comment

0026453-001 I want to help preserve its
unique environment.

Please let all of the Copper River area be designated as wilderness, and Prince William Sound, along with Kenai should all be wilderness. Please do not allow mining or oil drilling or logging, or anything else which could threaten these areas!

0026455-001

I strongly feel that wilderness designation for the entire copper river wetlands east and west of the river are needed. Additionally, all eligible wild and scenic rivers forest-wide should be recommended, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes. Why would the US government allow the permanent destruction of my children's natural heritage to line the pockets of a few selfish people?

In the Prince William Sound I would like to see the entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays be designated as wilderness to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism. I am sickened that the few natural undisturbed areas left on this continent are being pressured by money grubbing speculators who are chasing dollars and forgetting about their own souls. This selfishness has got to stop. God made the natural world, men make permanently scarred landscapes and destruction of natural beauty.

Furthermore I recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai. All the money in the world will mean nothing when there is no undisturbed natural environments left. We are sacrificing God's creations for man made trinkets and junk! I demand that you save these areas now!

0026456-001

Please recommend the strongest designation to protect this area that I have not seen or visited, yet my life is improved by its existence.

0026462-001

First of all, I support your intention to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area. I hope you will include the wetlands areas in the southeast portion of the Delta as well, as it seems they are vital for wildlife. I hope you will also consider adding areas in the Kenai Peninsula that harbor brown bears as well as the Prince William Sound wilderness study area.

Comment # Comment

0026467-001

I truly feel that your agency's preferred alternative falls short on Wilderness recommendations for the Chugach National Forest. I am urging the Forest Service to recommend as wilderness all of the ecologically valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, the Wilderness Study Area of Prince William Sound including Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, and large tracts of land on the Kenai Peninsula including Resurrection and Snow Rivers. Additionally, all eligible wild and scenic rivers forest-wide should be recommended as wilderness, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

Wilderness designation is needed in the Prince William Sound to help protect marine and avian species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism. Additional wilderness on the Kenai Peninsula is necessary to protect brown bears and to reduce the motorized use that is fragmenting their habitat.

0026468-001

It is my opinion that the 'wilderness' designation of the Chugach National Forest be kept to an absolute minimum.

0026469-003

I urge 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.

I urge the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0026470-003

Please designate wilderness status for Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Also I would like wilderness designation for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0026471-003

I recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

I recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Comment # Comment

0026473-001

I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that Alaska's Copper River Delta be designated as wilderness.

I hope you will also consider protecting other areas of the Chugach Forest as wilderness, including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and expanding the Prince William Sound wilderness study area to help species recover from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

0026474-001

Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta, particularly the invaluable wetlands, as wilderness. Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and expanding the Prince William Sound wilderness study area to help species recover from the 1989 oil spill.

0026479-001

This is to let you know that I support designating the eastern Copper River Delta and the Chugach Forest as a Wilderness area, especially the critical southeastern quarter of the area.

I also support Wilderness protection for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are still recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

0026489-001

Wilderness designation is the best way to assure protection of this world class ecosystem.

0026492-001

1) I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta, particularly the invaluable wetlands, as wilderness.

4) Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and expanding the Prince William Sound wilderness study area to help species recover from the 1989 oil spill.

0026494-001

I urge the Forest Service to designate the wetland-portion of the Copper River Delta wilderness.

I also urge the Forest Service to protect in Prince William Sound the Knight and Montague Islands, Valdez Arm, and Jack and Sawmill Bays for the sake of the still recovering wildlife from the '89 oil spill.

Equally in need of protection is critical Brown Bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

Comment # Comment

0026501-001

I am extremely disappointed the Copper River Delta is not Wilderness and recommend the entire Delta as Wilderness because;

Also, we need the Forest Service to protect other valuable lands of the Forest as Wilderness such as areas in Prince William Sound still recovering from the 1989 oil spill and areas on the Kenai Peninsula which support Brown bears.

0026502-001

I would like to voice my support of wilderness and quiet recreation in the Chugach National Forest.

0026503-001

This is a letter in support of creating wilderness areas in key critical habitat areas, such as the Copper River Delta and certain areas in the Prince William Sound.

0026505-001

I ask you to include such areas as the Chugach Nat'l Forest in the Wilderness Preservation System.

0026506-001

I am writing to encourage you to include in your plan for the Chugach area the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek and River, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound. They are pristine and biologically rich areas and need to be protected and included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

0026507-001

Please consider my plea, and declare the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, Kenai Peninsula, and the Chugach National Forest, all wilderness areas. We need to stop this self-destruction, thank you for your time.

0026511-001

Please consider this a plea for wilderness designation of any of Alaska land be it the Chugach, or Prince William Sound, the Kenai, the Copper River Delta, the Twenty-mile River area, the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region and Knight Island.

0026512-001

Please support the Forest Service's plan for the Chugach which includes portions in the National wilderness Preservation System.

Comment # Comment

0026513-001 I think it's most important that at a minimum some areas of the Chugach National Forest be designated wilderness areas. Certainly the Copper River Delta, the Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound should be designated wilderness areas. More would be better, but these areas for sure.

0026514-001 I urge you to be bold in your Wilderness recommendations: Copper River Delta: All the wetlands both east and west of the river and all other eligible scenic rivers forest-wide including Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes. Prince William sound: The entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays. Kenai Peninsula: Wilderness on the Kenai, specifically Resurrection Creek and River Areas, Snow River and Twentymile to protect brown bears and reduce motorized use.

0026517-003

0026525-001 I ask that the Forest Service include it in the National Preservation System.

0026530-001

I ask that the new Chugach National Forest plan include the maximum possible amount of wilderness designation and that ample areas be set aside for non-motorized use.

0026531-001

Places like the Copper River Delta and Montague Islands are public lands and therefore they should benefit all Americans, not politically chosen special interests who want quick profit.

I urge the Forest service to include these and other biologically rich areas of the Chugach National Forest in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

0026533-001

Many additional areas should be recommended for wilderness designation including the Copper River Delta and several islands in Prince William Sound. Just because wilderness (mostly undesignated) abounds today, designation will ensure wilderness will be available in abundance for future generations.

0026534-001

I urge you to work for preserving wilderness in the Chugach, to prevent resort development, heliskiing, snowmobiling, or other activities from damaging the amazing character of this area.

Comment # Comment

- 0026535-001 Please help turn the following areas into national wilderness areas to protect them and the wildlife that exists there, copper river delta and surrounding areas, prince william sound, and the kenai peninsula.
- 0026537-001 I respectfully request that the entire Copper River Delta be included and granted full protection in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Please prohibit logging, mining, roadbuilding, and development in this pristine area. Other areas such as Resurrection Creek and River, Twentymile, Snow River, along with Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound all are deserving of wilderness protection considerations.
- 0026538-001 We urge you to keep the Chugach, Copper River Delta and all other areas not covered by the National Wilderness Preservation System wild. By inclusion they can be protected under the provisions of the act.
- 0026544-001 I feel that the copper river delta, kenai peninsula, and Prince William Sound should be designated as wilderness to protect the area and species that have been threatened by mankind. It is a shame that we spend much of our energy cleaning up messes that we have caused rather than protecting it before any damage happens so we don't have to clean it up. Each organism on this planet deserves a decent chance at survival and unfortunately unless places are designated as wilderness, we will continually take organisms out of existence. Please designate each of these areas as wilderness so that these tiny creatures have a fighting chance to survive.
- Geetha Sivanandam
Please e-mail me back to report the status of this project.
- 0026546-001 Please classify ALL of the Chugach as a Wilderness area to ensure its protection and survival.
- 0026547-001 We support all measures to protect Alaska's Wilderness, especially in the Chugach National Forest.
- 0026547-003 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.
- Recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River and Twenty mile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.
- 0026552-001 I am writing to support wilderness designations in the Chugach NF for the Prince William Sound area, the Copper River Delta, and brown bear habitats in the Kenai.

Comment # Comment

0026554-001 This is a rather unsophisticated plea from a fellow citizen that you designate as wilderness all of the following areas: wild and scenic river areas including the Copper, the Martin, the Bering, and Katalla Rivers, and the Alaganik Slough, Martin and Bering Lakes; the Prince William Sound Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays; the Resurrection, Snow and Twentymile River areas on the Kenai Peninsula.

0026555-001 . I would like top urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.
In addition I would like to be assured that 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.
Lastly, I am urging the Forest Service to recommend wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0026559-001

I would like to inform you of my support for protecting the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, and the Kenai Peninsula.
I want to support the 2 million acres designated for Prince William Sound. I support a Wilderness designation for the Kenai. I believe we need to preserve some areas as natural and allow nature to be.

0026564-001

All globally significant temperate rainforest requires wilderness protection. If it exists, give it protection.

Please give Chugach's Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula wilderness protection so that it will continue to exist for all Alaskans and the rest of the world

0026566-001

0026568-001

Urban sprawl encroaches everywhere...as soon as a road is built into new territory, the resorts spring up...then the motorized vehicles... and the land isn't 'wild' anymore...except for the roar of planes and the racket of snowmobiles or ATV'S. PLEASE protect this wonderland of necessary forest for it's wildlife. Protect Chugach National Forest and the Copper River Delta. Care for the salmon, the migratory birds, the land animals so that our grandchildren may also enjoy them.

0026570-001 I understand that draft management plans for the Chugach NF do not propose sufficient areas for the wilderness System System. Please consider more restrictions on uses incompatible with wildlife, particularly Resurrection River, Copper River, and the islands within Prince William Sound.

Comment # Comment

0026574-001

The following is a list of areas which are in need of protection from development and/or exploration for natural resources:

COPPER RIVER DELTA: I strongly recommend that the Forest Service keep the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river as a wilderness area. Additionally, all eligible wild and scenic rivers forest-wide should be protected including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough and Martin and Bering Lakes.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: I strongly recommend that the Forest Service protect 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.

KENAI PENINSULA: I strongly recommend wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be protected.

0026575-001

Please designate the Chugach Forest a Wilderness area, especially the Copper River Delta with its 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, native subsistence fishing and hunting, and commercial fishing; Prince William Sound to protect the wildlands and species harmed by the 1989 Valdez oil spill; and Kenai Peninsula brown bear habitat and salmon habitat.

Protect fish and wildlife, native culture, and ecologically sustainable commercial fishing.
Stop strip mines, clear cutting of forests, and road building.

0026576-001

I am very much in favor of a Wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound and Kenai River Watershed. Please don't allow Strip Mines, Clear Cuts and Road Building in those pristine, unique areas. It is past time that we protect Fish, Bird and Wildlife from human encroachment.

0026577-001

I would like to add my support to that of many who urge you to designate the following areas of the Chugach as wilderness in order to protect them for future generations:

Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of that river as well as all scenic rivers forest-wide;

Prince William Sound Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism;

Kenai Peninsula in order to protect brown bears and reduce motorized use; Resurrection Creek and river areas. Snow River and Twentymile should be included.

Comment # Comment

0026578-001

I am writing to offer my comment in regards to the future of the Chugach National Forest in Alaska. Because this the the second largest national forest in the U.S. National Forest system and because it is already currently 98% roadless, I would like to see this forest designated as a wilderness area.

0026588-001

I feel deeply connected to places in Alaska such as the Chugach National Forest and would be very pleased and excited to see wild places such as this protected as soon as possible.

The Copper River Delta and places in Prince William Sound should be savored and appreciated for generations to come.

0026598-005

I urge that the Chugach National Forest be managed as a wild life, fish, plant habitat, sanctuary preserve wilderness and to provide a habitat preserve sanctuary for the following species:

Harlequin duck, Brown Bear, Black Oyster Catcher, Dusky Canada Goose Moose, Mountain Goat, Gray Wolf, Lynx, Marbled Marmet, Montague Island, Hoary Marmont, River otter, Bistre Black tailed deer, Townsend Warbler, wolverine, Bald Eagle, Humpbacked Whale, Montague Island Tundra Yak, Northern Goshawk Osprey, [Illegible], Peregrine Falcon, Trumpter Swans Chum, Coho, Cutthroat, Dally Varden, Ring, Pink, Sockeye, Eschsoltz's little nightmarer, [Illegible] [Illegible] Goose - grass ledge, [Illegible], Tundna Whitlow - [Illegible], [Illegible] [Illegible], [Illegible] [Illegible] Pale Poppy, smooth [Illegible], mist maiden and circumpolar stanwart

0026599-001

I urge that this National Forest be managed as a wildlife fish plant habitat sanctuary preserve wilderness.

0026658-001

As a former resident of Alaska, I feel very strongly about the making of wilderness areas of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both sides of the river. All eligible wild and scenic rivers, including the Copper, Bering, Martin, and Katalla, plus the Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes should be included in this Wilderness designation.

Wilderness designation for Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays would certainly help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and would protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism. Wilderness should certainly include the brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Comment # Comment

0026659-001

- Recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

- Recommend wilderness for ALL eligible wild and scenic rivers on the Forest, including the Copper, Bering, Martin, and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

- Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

- Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley. Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0026661-007

I am concerned about the proposed road corridor established along Mile 14 of the Seward Highway to the headwaters of Snow River South Fork and beyond toward Port Nellie Juan in Prince William Sound. The Snow River South Fork should be designated 'Wild'. Wilderness designation should extend to these watershed parcel numbers: P593, P522, P536, K279.

0026663-001

- Wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands on both sides of the Copper River. This is so important given the increasing pressure on the area from several quarters;

- Designate the Twentymile River Valley as wilderness. Wilderness near urban areas is critical for wildlife and always an economic boon;

- Designate as wilderness the entire Wilderness Study area of Prince William Sound, especially Knight, Montague, Ignot, Story, Naked Eleanor, Peak, Disk and Smith Islands.

- Designate wilderness for the Kenai Peninsula, including the Kenai River Headwaters, Resurrection Creek-Russian River area and the Resurrection Pass Trail.

0026668-001

1. We strongly support wilderness designation for:

- the Copper River Delta wetlands;
- the Twentymile River area;
- the entire wilderness study area of Prince William Sound, including Knight, Montague, Ignot, Story, Naked Eleanor, Peak, Disk and Smith Islands; and
- those areas of the Kenai Peninsula that include the Kenai River Headwaters, Resurrection Creek-Russian River area and the Resurrection Pass Trail.

0026672-001

I am writing to ask for wilderness designation for the wetlands of the Copper River Delta, as well as protections for other valuable parts of the Chugach National Forest like Prince William Sound, to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The Forest Service should recommend wilderness designation for the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands east and west of the river

In addition, the Forest Service should designate as wilderness critical Brown Bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla River.

Comment # Comment

0026680-001

I'm not in favor of making any more Wilderness areas. That is simply too drastic of a step; it closes the door to too many things. Sufficient planning and control can be done by applying specific control under the forest designation, I would think.

0026688-001

Recently I received information on your environmental impact statement for the Chugach. From what I know your statement does not include wilderness protection for any of the valuable wetlands of the Copper River Delta. I would like to encourage you to give wilderness protection to this area.

Wilderness designation would also give protection to important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands,

0026691-001

, I encourage you to recommend Wilderness Status for the Kenai Peninsula. The brown bear population of the Kenai is a hidden treasure that will not be able to hang on unless Alaskans do everything they can to protect them. I encourage you to do this with a few places in mind: Snow River, Twentymile River, Resurrection Creek and Resurrection River. Also, the Killey River and the Anchor River watershed on the southern Peninsula.

I also encourage you to recommend these places for Wilderness Status: Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays in Prince William Sound; the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes as well as the entire southeast portion of the Copper River Delta.

0026698-001

The best tool available to preserve the essential fisheries, critical wildlife habitat, and back-country recreation of the Chugach is to designate conservation and wilderness areas.

0026705-002

The entire Chugach Forest should be designated as wilderness. Wilderness designation ensures an ecological & economic value for the future generations.

0026724-003

I would also like to see game movement on converting the Prince William Sound Wilderness study areas into a more permanent states of full wilderness designation. Special wilderness designations would also help the Copper River Delta wetlands.

0026728-002

Your final Forest plan should designate wilderness protection for the entire Copper River Delta, the entire wilderness study area in Prince William Sound, Knight and Montague Islands, and critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

Comment # Comment

- 0026734-003 Wilderness:
- I recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetland of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.
- I support extending the Wilderness designation for the watershed parcels of P593, P536, K279, and the Snow River South Fork.
- I recommend additional Wilderness designation on the Kenai Peninsula, especially East of Seward, Kenai Lake, and Trail Lakes (Including the Snow River), Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island in PWS, SE of Copper River, and Twentymile River. I support extending the area recommended for wilderness at College Fjord south to Port Nellie Juan, plus east of the Copper River.
- 0026739-001
- Please include Copper River Delta resurrection creek & river areas, twenty mile, Snow River, and Knight, Montague Islands in Prince William Sound as wilderness in the natural wilderness preservation system with the Chugach N.F. plan.
- 0026747-003 Recommended Wilderness Areas: Audubon recommends a more representative distribution of category 1 prescriptions across the forest. These include Recommended Wilderness, or category 1 prescriptions, for areas of the Copper River Delta, large islands in Prince William Sound, portions of the Kenai Peninsula and the eastern sound.
- 0026757-001
- I support a wilderness designation for the Chugach National Forest, and specifically, protection for the Kenai Peninsula, Copper River Delta, and Prince William Sound.
- 0026765-001 I ask you to enact the current recommendation for wilderness designation for the NF and SF Snow River as well as the entire Nellie Juan River Corridor and all USFS land in its' watershed.
- 0026769-002 I also urge that the following areas be recommended as wilderness areas: Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River); Kenai River Headwaters; the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region; Knight Island; Montague Island; Twentymile River Valley; Critical Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear Habitat.
- 0026775-001 Although the Chugach plan has designated wild and wilderness area proposals, many critical areas are not protected. To be effective, the plan must address more of these critical areas, such as the Snow River area, Montague island, Twenty Mile river valley, the Copper River Delta wetlands, the entire 1984 WSA plan, and Knight island.

Comment # Comment

0026780-001

The Preferred Alternative does not give adequate protection to western Prince William Sound. Please expand the wilderness classification boundaries on the western Sound and have it especially include the unique island systems represented there.

And closer to home the 501(b) wilderness on the Copper River Delta needs to be enlarged and ideally should include the entire Delta.

0026784-001

Although the Chugach plan has designated wild and wilderness area proposals, many critical areas are not protected.

To be effective, the plan must address more of these critical areas, such as the Snow River area, Montague island, Twenty Mile river valley, the Copper River Delta wetlands, the entire 1984 WSA plan, and Knight Island.

0026810-003

Recommended Wilderness Areas: The distribution of category 1 prescriptions in the Preferred Alternative is not well represented across a range of ecosystems on the Chugach Forest. In fact, about 65% of Recommended Wilderness in the Preferred Alternative is rock and ice, a land cover that makes up only 14% of the Chugach National Forest. This was recently confirmed when we overlayed a vegetation cover map of the forest across a map of the Preferred Alternative. Although the areas designated as Recommended Wilderness are very scenic, their biological productivity is low and they do not adequately represent areas of high-quality fish and wildlife habitat. Audubon recommends a more representative distribution of category 1 prescriptions across the forest. These include Recommended Wilderness, or category 1 prescriptions, for areas of the Copper River Delta, large islands in Prince William Sound, portions of the Kenai Peninsula and the eastern sound.

0026811-004

4. Lands outside the Wilderness Study Area were studied and recommended for 'Wilderness' designation. Lands already designated 501(b) by Congress were recommended for Wilderness. These ongoing studies and recommendations violate ANILCA's 'no-more' clause (section 1326(b)). It is extremely frustrating to see the Forest Service abandon the legislative accommodations reached in ANILCA. This is not only against the will of Congress, it is against the will of the people.

0026825-002

Second, I support an increase in the amount of area designated as wilderness, particularly in the most ecologically sensitive areas of the Forest -- e.g., river deltas and other wetlands.

0026827-001

The plan must include:

1. Wilderness designation for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.
2. Wilderness designation for important areas in Prince William Sound, such as Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

0026828-001

I recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Comment # Comment

0026829-001

I Recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

0026834-001

We need, wilderness areas designated for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river, wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism, wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

0026843-001

Concerning the Chugach National Forest Draft Environmental Impact Statement, I strongly urge the Forest Service to:

1)recommend Wilderness status for most of the roadless areas and all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta;

0026845-001

I think that all of the Chugach National Forest should be declared wilderness, and that this forest is so important that it should be made into a National Park. . At the very least, the following areas should be declared and treated as wilderness:

- ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river. Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.
- Wilderness for all eligible areas in the ravaged Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.
- Wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0026846-001

We urge you to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

We also urge you to designate the Prince William Sound WSA, Knight island, Montague Island, and Jack & Sawmill Bays as wilderness to protect wildlands and species harmed by the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.

In addition designate the Kenai Peninsula as wilderness for brown bear habitat as well as Snow River and other important areas.

Comment # Comment

0026878-001

Areas for Wilderness designation:

Kenai Peninsula: Kenai River Headwaters and River Valley, Snow River, Resurrection Creek and Russian River area, Resurrection Pass Trail.

Turnagain Arm: Twentymile River Valley between Girdwood and Portage valley should be given wilderness designation. Copper River Delta: Wetlands east and west of the Copper River

Prince William Sound: Knight, Montague, Ignat, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays, and the entire Wilderness Study Area

0026880-001

With the increase in population in Alaska and in the world we need to set aside more areas as wilderness.

Please designate the entire Copper River Delta and all of Prince William Sound as wilderness. I was upset to hear that no wilderness areas within 30 MILES of Whittier have been considered.

0026890-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

I recommend that Prince William Sound receives designation as wilderness, specifically those areas hit hard by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Habitat needs to be protected so that species may continue to recover. This protection needs to be leveled to keep out special interest groups as well as large scale tourism.

0026891-001

Recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0026894-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for 'ALL' of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, east and west of the river. This includes designating as wilderness the following areas in Prince William Sound: Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays. . Further, please recommend wilderness designation for the following areas that are absolutely critical habitat for brown bears: Kenai River valley, Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys, and Resurrection Creek.

Comment # Comment

- 0026896-002 * Recommend wilderness for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.
- Please also recommend Wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands. Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from industrial tourism.
- Also, recommend Wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.
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- 0026900-001
- I urge you to recommend wilderness designation for all the Copper River Delta wetlands on both sides. Areas in Prince William sound reportedly are needed for continued recovery from Exxon Valdez oil spill. This also should include critical brown bear habitat as well as wild and scenic rivers.
- 0026901-001
- I wish to demand wilderness for the wetlands of the Copper River Delta as well as protection for other parts of the Chugach National Forest like Prince William Sound.
- 0026903-001
- This unique and beautiful region deserves the protection of wilderness status.
- 0026903-002
- This unique and beautiful region deserves the protection of wilderness status.
- 0026904-001
- The Forest Service should please recommend wilderness designation for ALL of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
- All eligible areas in Prince William Sound as well as brown bear habitat should also be protected as wilderness.
- 0026908-001
- I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river .
- Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays. Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Comment # Comment

0026909-001

I am writing to urge that Forest Service recommend wilderness designation for all the Copper River Delta wetlands, east and west of the river

I please designate Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays in the Prince William Sound area as wilderness

All critical brown bear habitat should be designated wilderness the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0026910-001

As a wildlife biologist whose Master's thesis centered on habitat relationships in the Chugach National Forest I urge the USFS to provide the maximum wilderness designation allowable.

the Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river should receive wilderness designation along with ALL eligible wild and scenic rivers in the Chugach.

Having walked much of Montague Island for biological reconnaissance work, I would also recommend that this area receive wilderness protection along with Knight Island, Jack and Sawmill Bays and other sites recommended by the National Wildlife Federation and the Copper River Delta Coalition. These include the Kenai, Resurrection, Snow and Twenty Mile River Valley Critical Habitat for brown bear.

0026912-001

We need all the wilderness we can get.

0026919-001

It is my strong belief that the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river should be managed as wilderness areas.

I also believe that areas in Prince William Sound should be designated as wilderness.

May I also add that Brown Bear habitat in the Kenai River Valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow and Twenty Mile River valley be protected as wilderness as well.

0026924-001

Please place all the wetlands to the east and west of the Copper River Delta under protection.

Furthermore, please consider all areas in the Prince William Sound for protection to allow the area to continue to recover from the Valdez spill.

Comment # Comment

0026929-001

Please consider recommendation of all of the Copper River Delta for wilderness status.

I would also like to urge you to recommend wilderness status for all eligible wild and scenic rivers in Alaska, as well as for critical habitat in Prince William Sound.

0026930-001

I am writing to urge that the Forest Service recommend that as much as the Chugach National Forest as possible be designated wilderness

0026936-001

I am writing to strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend designating as wilderness ALL of the Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

Please recommend all eligible wild and scenic rivers as wilderness, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers Alaganik Slough and Martin and Bering Lakes.

Also please recommend wilderness for areas in Prince William Sound such as Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays

0026937-001

I urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Wilderness is also necessary for the brown bear habitat, the Kenai River Valley, and Twenty Miles river valleys.

0026938-001

It is my strong belief that the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, should be managed as wilderness areas.

I believe that with the present situations in our nation's economy and politics that the best way for the natural treasures of Alaska to be preserved is to have them designated as Wilderness.

I also believe that areas in Prince William Sound should be designated as wilderness.

May I also add that Brown Bear habitat in the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valley be protected as wilderness as well.

0026939-001

I am concerned that all of the Copper River Delta wetlands have not been included in the Forest Service's preferred recommendations for wilderness designation.

I respectfully urge the Forest Service to recommend all eligible rivers, important areas in Prince William Sound and the wetlands of the Delta, both east and west of the river for Wilderness designation.

Comment # Comment

0026940-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0026941-001

To whom it may concern:
This area deserves to be classified as wilderness.

This is prime habitat for fish, bears, shorebirds etc all the scenic rivers and bays should be included.

0026945-001

Let's have wilderness designation for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta both east and west of the river.

Let's have wilderness designations for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Let's have wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek Snow, and Twenty Mile River valleys.

0026947-001

I am writing to send my heartfelt desire that you will recommend wilderness for ALL of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Also, please protect with wilderness the areas around Prince Edward Sound

I urge wilderness for all of the brown bear habitat, including Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and 20-Mile River valleys.

0026956-001

Please reserve all of the Copper River Delta (East and West) for Wilderness protection Please protect the wild salmon and the sensitive areas of Prince William Sound Please ban logging except for protection of communities. Also please reserve Brown Bear habitat as Wilderness.

0026963-001

I am writing to support wilderness status for the Copper River Delta. . The Copper River Delta, including wetlands east and west of the river, is an excellent candidate for wilderness designation. I also would like to go on record as supporting, in general wilderness designation for any area under consideration, including Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays in Prince William Sound.

Comment # Comment

- 0026966-001 We strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
- Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays
- Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow and Twenty Mile River valleys.
- 0026971-001 Wilderness is the only way to protect the diversity of species that exist there. If the United States is to expect other countries to preserve their wilderness (such as the amazon valley), we must take a leadership role in preserving our own wilderness.
- 0026975-001 I urge the Forest Service to designate ALL of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, for designation as protected wilderness.
- 0026975-002 Please recommend wilderness protection for ALL wild and scenic rivers, for Prince William Sound, and for all brown bear habitat.
- 0026982-003 DESIGNATE Wilderness protection for the entire Copper River Delta, the entire Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound, Knight and Montague Islands and critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0026983-003 DESIGNATE Wilderness protection for the entire Copper River Delta, the entire Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound, Knight and Montague Islands and critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0026985-001 The Prince William Sound and Copper River Delta greater ecosystem, as you know, is of unique global significance and deserves our highest respect. I believe WILDERNESS DESIGNATION FOR THE WESTERN SOUND (INCLUDING ALL OF KNIGHT ISLAND) AND FOR ALL OF THE EASTERN DELTA is of paramount importance to what we hold dear.
- 0026986-002 [Illegible] be changed from scenic to wilderness designation.

Comment # Comment

0026986-003

Copper River Delta definitely should be classified as a wilderness areas.

In Prince William Sound I recommend wilderness for the entire wilderness study area.

0027002-004

Copper River Delta should be designated wilderness. - Continue to remote healthy bear populations in the Kenai Resurrection - Russian river.

Wilderness protection of the Islands in Prince William Sound - Knight, Montague, Ignot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk & Smith.

0027005-001

I recommend and urge adoption of the following wilderness designations:

All productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta on both side of the river;

All eligible wild and scenic rivers in the Forest including all rivers and lakes;

Impact areas in Prince William Sound such as Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays;

All critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley. Resurrection Creek, Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0027053-001

Please recommend to Congress that the Delta and PWS be designated Wilderness.

0027057-001

I am opposed to wilderness designations in areas of important fisheries habitat and access, especially on the Copper River Delta, and I DO support CDFU and the City of Cordova's positions.

0027059-002

I also support providing some opportunities for accessible Wilderness areas. Ideal locations for accessible wilderness include:

The Snow River watershed - important biological headwater stream of the Kenai specific areas (P593, P522, P536, K279)

Some areas near Whittier - Blackstone Bay and Cochrane Bay.

0027071-001

I ask you, Mr. Gibbons, to move ahead and designate as much of the Chugach National Forest as Wilderness as you reasonably can and save us from our own short-sightedness.

0027075-001

I urge you to designate the Chugach National Forest, including the Copper River Delta, the Prince William Sound and the Kenai River Watershed, as Wilderness.

Comment # Comment

- 0027076-001 COPPER RIVER DELTA: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. The Forest Service had recommended wilderness for the southeastern portion of the Delta in an early draft of their preferred alternative, but changed that recommendation in the Draft EIS.
- 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.
- KENAI PENINSULA: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.
- 0027077-001 The Prince William Sound and Copper River Delta greater ecosystem, as you know, is of unique global significance and deserves our highest respect. I believe WILDERNESS DESIGNATION FOR THE WESTERN SOUND (INCLUDING ALL OF KNIGHT ISLAND) AND FOR ALL OF THE EASTERN DELTA is of paramount importance to what we hold dear.
- 0027077-002 The Prince William Sound and Copper River Delta greater ecosystem, as you know, is of unique global significance and deserves our highest respect. I believe WILDERNESS DESIGNATION FOR THE WESTERN SOUND (INCLUDING ALL OF KNIGHT ISLAND) AND FOR ALL OF THE EASTERN DELTA is of paramount importance to what we hold dear.
- 0027078-001 I encourage you to recommend more wilderness areas across the Chugach National Forest.
- I understand that many of the regions in the Chugach presently eligible for Wilderness or Wild River designations (Southeast Copper River Delta, the Snow and Nellie Juan Rivers, and large portions of the Copper and Twentymile River, among others) may NEVER again be eligible because of potential roads and industrial development that now threaten the ecological balance of these regions. It is therefore CRUCIAL that the Forest Service listens to public desire for Wilderness and Wild Rivers in the Chugach and recommends these areas now.
- 0027080-001 Specific improvements that I recommend for the Preferred Alternative are:
1. Wilderness designation of Copper River Delta wetlands, east and west included (buy Natives' timberlands to prevent building an access road and endangering many salmon spawning streams).
 2. Wilderness status for Prince William Sound's entire wilderness Study Area, Knight Island, Montague Island, and Eleanor Island.
 3. Wilderness status for Kenai River Headwaters, Resurrection Creek-Russian River, and the Resurrection Pass Trail.

Comment # Comment

0027099-001

I urge the US Forest Service to seize the opportunity to preserve this magnificent region by designating the Delta as wilderness in the revised Chugach National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

. I also urge you to protect as wilderness other valuable lands including areas in Prince William Sound that are still recovering from the 1989 oil spill and areas of the Kenai Peninsula that support Brown bears and Kenai River salmon.

Comment # Comment

0027140-002

I specifically request that the Forest Service recommend and manage the following areas as Wilderness.

Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River): .

In addition, protect the Martin, Copper, Bering, Katalla Rivers as Wild for their outstanding and remarkable ecological values for fish and wildlife habitat. The Alaganik Slough, Martin and Bering Lakes also deserve special designations that recognize their fish and wildlife values over harmful developments.

Kenai River Headwaters (the Snow River area). The river remains so healthy, in large part, because its headwaters are still pristine. Road construction and other developments in the Snow River and South Fork Snow River could threaten the health of this region. I strongly recommend this region be protected as wilderness for these reasons, as well as the entire length of the river recommended as Wild.

The College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region. The entire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of the 1984 plan should be protected as wilderness. The Nellie Juan River should not have been taken out of the WSA wilderness plan since this watershed is a natural link between the Kenai and Prince William Sound-a river that also needs Wild River status to prevent hydro-projects and road construction that would permanently alter the wild character of this outstanding waterway. The upper Nellie Juan must be given added protection since development threatens the region on adjacent private lands.. Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith islands should also be ensured as Wilderness for their preservation to prevent unnecessary human developments such as destination lodges and other tourism facility developments. In particular, I recommend removing the 313 prescription for facility development on Glacier Island.

Knight Island.. Additionally, the Forest Service should include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked/ Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons as Knight Island, which it has done in the Preferred Alternative.

Montague Island. . I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend the entire Montague Island, especially the northern region, as Wilderness. I also support the removal and restoration necessary for the Patton Bay road on the Island.

Twentymile River Valley. The spectacular scenery and remote character of the Twentymile River Valley, between Girdwood and Portage valleys, is an area well-suited for wilderness and Wild River protection.

The Resurrection Creek-Russian River area, in particular, should be changed to Wilderness.

RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. The Resurrection Pass Trail area, another critical brown bear corridor, is a region of the forest that is eligible for wilderness and is a great choice for a recreational wilderness region. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

Comment # Comment

0027213-001

I strongly recommend that more Wilderness areas to be recommended across the Chugach National Forest.

0027242-001

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

COPPER RIVER DELTA WETLANDS: Protect the Martin, Copper, Bering, Katalla Rivers as Wild for their outstanding and remarkable ecological values for fish & wildlife habitat.

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. KNIGHT ISLAND. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons.

MONTAGUE ISLAND. The management prescription proposed for Montague (244) clearly does not meet the management directive needed for the fish & wildlife habitat since it 'conditionally' allows for commercial timber harvesting, all minerals activities, motorized recreation, new roads, destination, utility systems, and year-round helicopter landings. Montague deserves wilderness.

TWENTYMILE RIVER VALLEY. The current Scenic recommendation for Twentymile River would permit road construction & never make the area eligible for wild or wilderness designation in the future, therefore it must be changed to Wild status.

RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. One of the most important purposes of wilderness is to provide people with a broad array of outdoor recreational opportunities & maintain scenic trails & vistas. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

0027287-001

I strongly recommend that more Wilderness areas to be recommended across the Chugach National Forest .

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Pork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

MONTAGUE ISLAND. Montague deserves wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0027353-001

I support the proposed Wilderness designations as shown in the preferred alternative, but more is needed. The following areas should be considered for Wilderness designation:

 The area east of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes all the way to Prince William Sound, including the Snow River drainages.

 Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island.

 The area southeast of the Copper River -- The Twentymile River Valley near Girdwood.

0027570-001

WILDERNESS

These areas should be recommended for congressionally-designated Wilderness status:

Montague Island
Knight Island
Story Island
Naked Island
Eleanor Island
Peak Island
Disk Island
Smith Island
Copper River Delta
Twentymile drainage
Seattle and Sixmile drainages
Snow River drainage
Resurrection River drainage
Resurrection Pass drainages with a corridor set aside for mountain bike use
East of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes (including Snow River)
Entire Wilderness Study Area

0027572-003

Wilderness:

 Please consider designating the following areas for Wilderness status:

- East of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes including Snow River (watershed parcel numbers: P593, P522, P536, K279);
- Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island in PWS;
- Copper River Delta east and west of the river extending to all productive wetlands;
- Twentymile River Valley;

0027574-001

Having personally witnessed the recent damage and destruction caused by industrial development, I would like to see the majority of the Chugach National Forest become wilderness. This includes the Copper River Delta, Montague and Knight Islands, Jackpot Bay, and Port Nellie Juan.

Comment # Comment

0027576-005 In the Wilderness Study Area (WSA) one of the most important decisions made by this plan concerns the level of development on USFS lands in the Wilderness Study Area in western Prince William Sound. The preferred plan goes way overboard on this issue, applying the backcountry prescription for all USFS land within an approximately 30-mile radius of Whittier.
We believe that several of the bays, passageways and islands within this 30-mile radius should be given a wilderness prescription. To live up to the Forest Service plan's goals for providing a range of recreation and tourism experiences, the plan needs to provide accessible wilderness. The opportunity to experience a true wilderness environment - a place that doesn't have boat ramps, day use facilities and similar facilities - should be available to boaters, kayakers and day cruise passengers who don't have the resources to go on longer, more costly trips. Additionally, even in recommended Wilderness areas, the USFS has the option to 'harden' camp sites where needed to protect environmental quality. Specific areas that should be switched from Backcountry to Recommended Wilderness are listed below:

- Knight Island - at minimum the Northern half - see discussion following section.
- Perry Island - important habitat values (marine mammals, birds), very popular wilderness camping, boating and kayaking areas. A large parcel of state land is likely at some point to provide facilities if any are needed. USFS land should remain undeveloped.
- Blackstone Bay - Blackstone Bay provides 'wilderness next door' - a place with spectacular tidewater glaciers that can be reached conveniently on a short trip by boaters, day cruise boats and kayakers.
- Culross Passage - this narrow, intricate passage has long been one of the Sound's most popular boating and kayaking destinations.
- B. Prince William Sound Islands (Glacier and Cordova Ranger Districts) One or more of PWS's large islands should be designated wilderness. Of the three candidates - Hinchinbrook, Montague, and Knight - we favor a wilderness designation for Knight Island. Knight jumps to the head of the list due to its stunning topography; complex coastline and intricate bays and islands, and very high habitat values. We recognize that there are mineral values on the island. But Chugach Alaska Corporation already holds the area with most promising mineral potential, and mining could take place within a designated wilderness on USFS lands.

One of the main areas of consensus in both Valdez and Cordova is the desire to protect the wild, unspoiled character of Port Gravina. The plan should change the prescription in this area from Backcountry, to either Primitive or Recommended Wilderness.

0027577-006

Please protect all critical ecological Brown Bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula Add these critical areas to wilderness designation for future generations.

On the Kenai please add designated wilderness areas such as the Resurrection Pass Trail, The area surrounding the Resurrection Creek-Russian River and The Kenai River Headwaters Snow River and South Fork Snow River area.

Please place the entire Copper River Delta, 501b area, to include the wetlands on both sides of the Copper River into wilderness designation. Also designate as wilderness the entire Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound. Include the islands of Knight, Montague, Peak Eleanor, Ignot, Story, Disk, Naked and Smith islands.

0027579-002

I want to be on record as feeling strongly that some of it needs to be ROAD ACCESSIBLE WILDERNESS, accessible not just to those with the luxury of owning planes or boats, but all Americans, regardless of means.

Comment # Comment

- 0027579-003 a) I Support Designated Wilderness in the following areas:
- Copper River Delta, ALL productive wetlands- east and west of the river.

 - Various road accessible areas on the Kenai Peninsula
 - East of Seward (Mt Alice/Mt Tiehacker to Snow River area)
 - Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes (including N & S forks of Snow River)
 - Twentymile River Valley (near Girdwood)
 - Seattle Creek/Six Mile Creek

 - Prince William Sound and adjacent lands:
 - Montague and Knight Islands
 - Small islands north of Knight Island
 - Naked/Storey Island Archipelagos
 - Mainland from College Fjord south to Port Nellie Juan
 - Nellie Juan Lake to King's Bay
 - Sargent Icefield

0027582-001

WILDERNESS

These areas should be recommended for congressionally-designated Wilderness status:

- Montague Island
- Knight Island
- Story Island
- Naked Island
- Eleanor Island
- Peak Island
- Disk Island
- Smith Island
- Copper River Delta
- Twentymile drainage
- Seattle and Sixmile drainages
- Snow River drainage
- Resurrection River drainage
- Resurrection Pass drainages with a corridor set aside for mountain bike use
- East of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes (including Snow River)
- Entire Wilderness Study Area

- Gravina River
- Copper River (north and south)
- Martin River
- Bering River
- Katalla River
- Alaganik Slough
- Bering Lake
- Martin Lake

Comment # Comment

0027586-004 I specifically request that the Forest Service recommend and manage the following areas as Wilderness.

COPPER RIVER DELTA WETLANDS (east and west of the River):

THE COLLEGE FJORD/NELLIE JUAN/WHITTIER REGION. The entire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of the 1984 plan should be protected as Wilderness. Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands should also be ensured as Wilderness for their preservation to prevent unnecessary human developments such as destination lodges and other tourism facility developments.

KNIGHT ISLAND. Additionally, the Forest Service should include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons as Knight Island, which it has done in the Preferred Alternative.

MONTAGUE ISLAND. I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend the entire Montague Island, especially the northern region, as Wilderness..

TWENTYMILE RIVER VALLEY. The spectacular scenery and remote character of the Twentymile River Valley, between Girdwood and Portage valleys, is an area well-suited for Wilderness and Wild River protection

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). . I strongly recommend this region be protected as Wilderness for these reasons, as well as the entire length of the river recommended as Wild.

0027601-002

That being said, I turn to the activities tables for Wilderness management and 501(b)2 management, and begin to compare. A 501(b)2 management plan allows for construction of boat ramps, campgrounds, day use facilities, viewing facilities, and parking lots. I am aware of the increasing numbers of sport hunters and fishers that are using the east delta each year, most from out-of-state. Given current trends, this additional traffic will undoubtedly provide the financial engine to drive development of more access and facilities in coming years. In my experience, such elements will encourage yet more traffic, which in turn will provide incentive to build even more such facilities. When I visualize how I might want my 'back yard' to look in 15-20 years, the thought of the east delta developed in this way is not what I have in mind. A wilderness designation would certainly prevent this from happening. That appeals to me, but I have some reservations.

Comment # Comment

- 0027601-003 The ability to continue traditional hunting, trapping, and fishing in this area is very important to many who live in Cordova. The Wilderness designation for the southeast delta is supposedly being written to allow the current types of use and means of access to continue in this area. The current means of access includes fixed wing aircraft, snow machines, boats with outboards, four wheelers, and airboats. The definition of Wilderness in the Wilderness Act is not consistent with these uses. As a conservation unit, the management of wilderness areas tends to get more restrictive over time. While traditional uses may be allowed in the specific Wilderness prescription written for this area, as a practical matter they could be challenged as being inconsistent with the intent of Wilderness Area management. While such challenges may not hold up under scrutiny, the cost and time involved in litigation and bureaucratic process could effectively prevent traditional access to the east delta. A similar situation occurs with fisheries enhancement projects. While allowed under the letter of a tailored Wilderness prescription, I have heard of similar situations in the Tongass and western Prince William Sound in which complaints have stalled or stopped such projects where they are supposedly allowed.
- 0027615-003 I place great value in wilderness areas. There is but one chance to embrace public lands with this designation.
- My advice would be to allow the Copper River Delta wetlands, Knight, Montague, Ignat, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk and Smith Islands to thrive under wilderness.
- 0027618-001 I write to encourage you to designate as Wilderness all lands that qualify for that designation. The ecological reasons for doing so are unquestionable. Most important are those lands that are the most biologically rich, among them the entire Copper River Delta.
- 0027635-001 I think that motorized vehicles should be allowed in the forest. Therefore, it is important to label the forest as wilderness designation. However, snowmachines should be allowed.
- 0027642-001 I would like to recommend wilderness for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.
- I would also like to recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays
- I recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.
- 0027680-001 Please give wilderness protection to Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound and Kenai Peninsula.

Comment # Comment

0027686-001

It appears it is imperative for the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands for protection of the wildlife, also the Prince William Sound islands need to recover from the oil spill.

Don't forget the habitat of the brown bears and rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla.

0027705-002

I would live to see wilderness & wild river designations for as much of C. N. F. as possible.

0027726-002

A truly responsible forest plan would include more wilderness in the appropriate places: Kenai Peninsula, River Estuaries, old growth forests, Prince William Sound Islands like Lone, Knight, Culross, Perry, Naked, Green, Hinchinbrook. But perhaps most of all the Copper River Delta. I have seen most of these Rivers and the Chugach by Air.

0027756-001

Let's keep Alaska's Chugach Wild!

Please designate conservation and wilderness areas to keep the Chugach from being overrun by development.

0027758-002

I hope the final forest plan calls for Wilderness protection for the entire Copper River Delta area the entire Wilderness Study Area in Prince Wm. Sound, Knight Montague Islands & Brown Bear habitat in the Kenai.

0027903-001

Please add my voice to calls for expansion of wilderness protection to Forest Service land in the Copper River Delta & Prince William Sound

0027904-001

Please grant full wilderness protection for wild areas of the Chugach National Forest, including:

- Copper River Delta, the largest intact wetland ecosystem left on the Pacific coast of North America.

- Prince William Sound (expand current wilderness study area).

- Kenai Peninsula.

0027958-001

I Strongly request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest please protect wilderness in Prince William Sound from Whittier road opening please protect Copper River Delta and Kenai Peninsula.

Comment # Comment

0027959-001

Please, we must have wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other areas of the Chugach Nat'l Forest.

0027986-001

Please include my signed comment into the record of public comment on the Chugach National Forest Draft EIS. I want wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest. . The Kenai Peninsula the watershed of the world famous Kenai River needs protection and in the Prince William Sound wilderness study area should be expanded to help species not yet [Illegible] from the infamous Exxon Valley oil spill and to protect wilderness from the whittler road opening.

0028121-001

I strongly request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest for these reasons:

1. A small, select group of special interests should not be given the right to make their millions at the expense of the American public.
2. Without strong federal protection now, special interests will continue to slice off pieces of remaining wilderness.
3. Remaining wild areas will become more and more valuable to Americans as the country's population grows.
4. In the past 20 years, we have seen a surge in popularity of outdoor recreation. A growing population will inevitably put greater pressure on natural resources such as salmon and wildlife and their habitat. Permanently protecting all remaining wildernesses in the Chugach will ensure that we maintain a healthy ecosystem as usage increases

0028228-001

Please recommend Wilderness designation to the Copper River Delta wetlands east & west of the river, important areas of Prince William Sound (Knight & Montague Islands & Jack & Sawmill bays). Help wildlife recover from the oil spill-- the year my husband & I visited Alaska, & critical brown bear habitat & all wild and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering & Katalla rivers.

0028228-002

Please recommend Wilderness designation to the Copper River Delta wetlands east & west of the river, important areas of Prince William Sound (Knight & Montague Islands & Jack & Sawmill bays). Help wildlife recover from the oil spill-- the year my husband & I visited Alaska, & critical brown bear habitat & all wild and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering & Katalla rivers.

0028229-001

Wilderness designation must be recommended for the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, to permanently protect the habitat of the wildlife there.

Also important areas in Prince William Sound should be designated wilderness, like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, particularly of the ecologically essential S.E. quarter of the Delta management area.

Comment # Comment

0028252-001

Please recommend wilderness for the following areas:
Kenai River trade waters in the snow river area
Recreation Creek & Russian River
Recreation River trail.
All of these are [Illegible] bear habitats.
Copper River Delta Wetlands
Prince William Sound study area. Please includes the following Islands:

Knight - Eleanor
Montague - Peak
Ignot - Disk
Naked - Smith

0028262-002

Please protect the Chugach Nat'l Forest the bays & inlets of Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta bird haven & the bear habitat of the Kenai Peninsula are worthy of a strong wilderness designation! All qualified lands in the Nellie Juan-College Fiord study area next maximum protection as well. The 'backcountry management areas' need permanent wilderness designations.

0028278-001

I strongly recommend Wilderness designation for the following critical areas of the Copper River Delta;

- The wetlands both east and west of the Copper River,
- Areas in Prince William Sound such as Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays.
- Critical brown bear habitat wherever found, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla Rivers.

0028279-001

I'm particularly concerned that all existing wilderness quality lands that are larger than 5,000 acres in size and substantially undeveloped be preserved as Wilderness. Specifically, I ask the following:

- Manage and recommend to Congress the wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river as Wilderness
- Manage and recommend to Congress, Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays of Prince William Sound as Wilderness
- Manage and recommend to Congress all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys as Wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0028280-003 We recommend that the USFS designate all productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river, as wilderness

we have a number of recommendations we wish you to consider when making your final decision:

- 2) We recommend wilderness protection for important ecological areas in Prince William Sound, including the Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays
- 3) We recommend designating all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys as wilderness.

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0028290-001

The Copper River Delta, a world renowned spot for migratory birds and salmon should be granted wilderness protection.

The Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twenty mile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound should also be given wilderness preservation protection.

0028303-001

1. Recommend wilderness designation under the Wilderness Preservation System for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, i.e. both east and west of the river

3. Please recommend Wilderness designation for important areas in Prince William Sound, such as the Knight and Montague Islands, Jack Bay, and Sawmill Bay. This action will help impacted species to continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spilt. It will also help to protect the Prince William Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

4. Recommend Wilderness designation for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, in the Kenai River valley, on Resurrection Creek, and in the Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0028304-002

Copper River Delta
SCS recommends a Wilderness designation for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.
Wilderness

-- Prince William Sound' Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

-- Kenai Peninsula - All critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai River valley. Resurrection Creek. Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0028318-001

I strongly recommend that all roadless areas in the forest receive wilderness designation.

Comment # Comment

0028359-001

I would like to see a vast majority of the Copper River Delta covered by NWPS.

I also strongly urge that the Resurrection creek and River areas, twenty mile, snow river, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound be covered under NWPS.

0028367-001

WILDERNESS

These areas should be recommended for congressionally-designated Wilderness status:

Montague Island
Knight Island
Story Island
Naked Island
Eleanor Island
Peak Island
Disk Island
Smith Island
Copper River Delta
Twentymile drainage
Seattle and Sixmile drainages
Snow River drainage
Resurrection River drainage
Resurrection Pass drainages with a corridor set aside for mountain bike use
East of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes (including Snow River)
Entire Wilderness Study Area

0028372-002

I especially urge you to designate the Copper River Delta wetlands as recommended wilderness, both east and west of the river.

I also urge you to recommend Wilderness for important areas In Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help these areas recover from the Exxon Valdez and to protect the Sound from Industrial tourism. You should, also recommend Wilderness designation for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley. Resurrection Creek, Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0028373-003

As a 15+ year Alaskan resident, I support more protection for habitat needed by brown bears (especially on the Kenai Peninsula) and designating more areas of the forest as federal wilderness areas.

0028376-006

We recommend Wilderness and Wild River designations for biologically important regions of the Chugach, like the Copper River Delta wetlands, islands of PWS, and areas and rivers on the KP like Twentymile, Resurrection, Snow River and the entire Nellie Juan.

0028377-002

WILDERNESS

We concur with other Wilderness advocates that the USFS should recommend Wilderness designation for the Twenty Mile River Valley, Kenai River Headwaters, Resurrection-Russian River area, the Resurrection Pass Trail, the major islands in Prince William Sound that are not in private ownership, and the Copper River Delta to mention a few.

Comment # Comment

0028378-003

It is important that consideration be given to the recommendation of future Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River areas in CNF. Particularly important in this regard are the Nellie Juan area, Snow River, portions of the Russian River, and the Twentymile River. Several of these areas have been recommended by USFS for Wilderness status in the 1984 CNF Plan, The Nellie Juan area Wilderness recommendation pre-dates the passage of ANILCA. The Twentymile Wilderness proposal is particularly important, because this drainage is so close to the populated center of Anchorage.

Of course at the top of the list for Wilderness Protection, is the Copper River Delta.

0028392-001

Please recommend wilderness for all productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please also recommend all eligible wild and scenic rivers on the forest, including the Copper, Bering, Martin, and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Sloughs, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Island, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Please recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0028396-001

These comments pertain to the preferred alternative for the proposed Chugach National Forest Plan revision.

The preferred alternative does not go far enough to protect the wilderness values Alaskans express for the CNF, The proposed plan excludes biologically rich and diverse areas such as the Copper River Delta and Kenai River Headwaters (Snow River area) as well as relatively pristine islands in the Nellie Juan area (Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands). Montague Island is a special and unique place and also deserves Wilderness status. Please consider expanding CNF areas for formal Wilderness designation.

0028402-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for 'ALL' of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, east and west of the river. This includes designating as wilderness the following areas in Prince William Sound: Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays.

Please recommend wilderness designation for the following areas Kenai River valley. Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys, and Resurrection Creek.

0028471-001

It has come to my attention that your agency is [Illegible] on wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, Brown Bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and areas in Prince William Sound harmed by the 1989 Exxon Valdez [Illegible]. (Knight Island, Montague Island and Jack & Sawmill Bay). Please protect these areas by wilderness status.

Comment # Comment

0028501-001 As part owner of our public lands, I STRONGLY REQUEST WILDERNESS PROTECTION FOR THE COPPER RIVER DELTA and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest.

I urge you to also expand current Wilderness study area to help species not yet recovered from the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill and to protect wildlands from the Whittier Road opening.

I also strongly request for Wilderness Protection of the Kenai Peninsula, habitat and home to brown bear, and the watershed of the world-famous Kenai River.

0028503-001 As an American citizen and visitor to Alaska, I strongly urge wilderness protection for the Copper River delta and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest.

Comment # Comment

0028504-001 Specifically, our concerns regarding the DEIS are as follows:

FORESTWIDE CONCERNS:

Wilderness:

The Chugach National Forest incorporates 5.5 million acres and encompasses the northern-most temperate rainforest in the nation. At 98% roadless, it includes one of the world's last remaining intact rainforests. It is the second largest national forest in the country, and although 98% of the Chugach is classified as roadless and qualifies for Wilderness designation, there is no designated Wilderness on the forest. Comprised of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound, and the Copper River Delta, the issues and threats facing these three regions vary and demand wilderness protection for all regions.

The Forest Service's preferred alternative in the DEIS is disappointing with regard to wilderness recommendations in all three regions of the forest. It is especially disappointing when one considers results of a scientific survey conducted by Alaska Pacific University in consultation with the Forest Service. The survey concluded that a strong majority -- 72.7% -- of individuals from communities throughout the forest favor or strongly favor managing the Chugach National Forest for wilderness. In addition, the survey indicates that 61.4 percent of individuals from communities across the forest favor a substantial amount of the forest being recommended to Congress to be designated as wilderness.

Further, these survey results support the management direction that the chief of the Forest Service, Michael Dombeck, has called for in our national forests. Dombeck's vision underlines the responsibility of the Forest Service to identify and recommend additional wilderness areas where these opportunities exist. We have no greater opportunity for wilderness recommendations in national forests in the country than on the Chugach National Forest. And while the Forest Service has recommended wilderness in its preferred alternative, it has reduced its wilderness recommendations from the 1984

Forest Plan on the Kenai Peninsula and within the congressionally designated Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound. Additionally, about 65% of the Recommended Wilderness in the Preferred Alternative is rock and ice, a land cover that represents only approximately 14% of the Chugach National Forest.

TWS supports the Forest Service recommending ecologically rich and productive areas of the forest for wilderness designation for fish and wildlife habitat protection, in addition to recommending desirable recreation areas, which may be very scenic and encompass a greater percentage of rock and ice. The Forest Service outlines in the Forest Goals and Objectives (DEIS, p. 2-2), that it seeks to maintain ecological sustainability by establishing, 'the recommended network of Research Natural Areas that represent the range of bioenvironmental types and special ecological and geological types present on the Forest.' TWS believes the agency should be striving to take this exact approach regarding wilderness recommendations, and create a network of wildlands across the forest that will protect the range of bioenvironmental types and special ecological and geological types present on the Forest.

Comment # Comment

0028504-013 Copper River Delta

The Copper River Delta lies just east of Prince William Sound, and at 700,000 acres is the largest wetlands complex on the Pacific coast of North America. Biologists describe the Delta as one of the most important shorebird habitats in the Western Hemisphere, supporting over 16 million shorebirds and other waterfowl. The Delta also sustains one of the most prized salmon runs in the world. The Delta has been designated a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Site and a State Critical Wildlife Habitat area. Unfortunately, development proposals threaten this area as they did when President Theodore Roosevelt established the Chugach National Forest in 1907. President Roosevelt established the forest to protect its outstanding fish and wildlife values from development proposals. Ironically, similar development plans threaten this area now. Proposals exist to build a 55-mile road across the sensitive Delta wetlands, and log and mine the area, in addition to developing oil and gas leases near Katalla. Wilderness recommendations on Forest Service lands offer one of the best opportunities to protect the Delta from these development threats. Further, the outpouring of support for wilderness recommendations on the Delta is unprecedented. Approximately 30,000 comments have been received nationwide supporting wilderness, and more than 80% of Cordovans commenting on the draft preferred alternative have supported wilderness for this area. The Copper River Delta is an area of significant national and global interest, and the Forest Service should take this into consideration as it determines what the future management direction will be for this area.

Prince William Sound:

Eleven years after the Exxon Valdez oil spill, when nearly 11 million gallons of oil spilled into Prince William Sound, the Sound is still recovering and needs added protection. Only two species of the many affected by the oil spill are considered recovered -- the bald eagle and the river otter. Those not recovering include: orcas, harbor seals, common loons, three species of cormorants, harlequin ducks, and pigeon guillemots. The status of numerous other species is either unknown or slowly recovering. Prince William Sound is both ecologically productive and spectacularly beautiful, with mountains cloaked by rainforest surrounding fjords where glaciers reach down to the sea. Congress intended to protect this extraordinary environment when it created close to a 2 million acre Wilderness Study Area (WSA) in western Prince William Sound, with the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).

While boat and other motorized traffic increases on the Sound, the Forest Service has reduced the recommended Wilderness for the WSA in their preferred alternative from the 1984 Forest Plan. TWS does not support this reduction, and we urge the Forest Service to recommend the entire Wilderness Study Area as wilderness in the revised Forest Plan. In addition, we urge the Forest Service to recommend 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 and recreation.

Kenai Peninsula:

The Kenai Peninsula is road accessible from Anchorage and is a very popular recreation area in southcentral Alaska. Snowmachine and other motorized uses on the Kenai have increased dramatically in the past decade. Additionally, the Kenai Peninsula overall has experienced a lot of development on private lands, including subdivisions and large-scale logging. These activities have impacted brown bear habitat and population numbers. Kenai Peninsula brown bears are considered an isolated and sensitive population, and at this time their population is being closely managed for long-term viability. The Chugach National Forest provides a significant reserve on the Kenai for brown bear habitat. The Forest Service has recommended no wilderness on the Kenai Peninsula in its preferred alternative. This is not only disturbing due to the need to protect critical brown bear habitat, but it is also disturbing because 21 out of the 30 original alternatives, submitted primarily by members of the public during the revision process, included recommended wilderness for the Kenai Peninsula.

Comment # Comment

TWS strongly urges the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to provide a road accessible wilderness opportunity for recreationists desiring such an experience. Most importantly, we urge the Forest Service to recommend Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River and Twentymile as wilderness on the Kenai Peninsula.

0028529-001

I request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula.

0028548-001

I am writing in support of the wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, and the Chugach National Forest.

0028551-001

Humans are already leaving devastating scars on this planet, plundering its many habitats. This is why I am asking you for wilderness protection for the Chugach National Forest, Everyday thousands of acres of forests are destroyed, Please do not let the Chugach National Forest be next.

0028552-001

'Please include my signed comment into the record of public comments on the Chugach National Forest Drafts as part owner of public lands I strongly request wilderness protection for the

*Copper river Delta

*Prince William Sound

*Kenai Peninsula

0028553-001

As a concerned tax payer & part owner of our public lands, I would like to request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta & other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest.

0028555-001

I am a member of the National Wildlife Federation, and I would like the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for the following critical areas of the Delta:

The valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river. This would permanently protect the habitat of salmon, shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, wolves and more.

Important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Critical brown bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla Rivers.

Comment # Comment

0028564-001

We protest plans for any part of the Chugach Forest to be designated 'wilderness status.'

We would like to remind the U.S. Dept of Agriculture-Forest Service the Government Katalla Chilkat-Chilkat implemented a Coastal Management Plan 14 December 1995 Our records verify your office received copy of that Management Plan.

We wish to bring to your attention that we are the original inhabitants who still possess absolute title We are the only peoples who possess the exclusive right to extinguish Indian title Purchase or conquest can not extinguish that right We were not signatory nor signatories to the Alaska Native Land Claims Act Our rights and titles are intact.

We have original inherent self-governing powers not granted by the federal government We continue to exercise those governmental rights. Our protection comes under the federal government's 'Trust Doctrine.' There still exists a federal fiduciary obligation to protect our rights Those rights were confirmed November 6, 2000 by President Clinton's Executive Order 13175.

Respectfully submitted for the Record,

0028569-002

Please consider designating the following areas for Wilderness status

- East of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes including Snow River (watershed parcel numbers P593, P522, P536, K279);
- the Snow River South Fork should be designated 'Wild';
- Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island in PWS;
- Copper River Delta east and west of the river extending to all productive wetlands;
- Twentymile River Valley;

0028572-003

I request Wilderness designation for; the Twenty Mile River Valley, the area SE of the Copper River, Montague and Knight Islands and the outlying islands around Knight in Prince William Sound, the area East of Seward, Kenai Lake and the Trail Lakes areas.

0028587-001

Our forest needs maximum protection and we need to restore natural quiet.

I have hiked in the forest and would appreciate your limiting jet skies, controlling snowmobiles and helicopters and declaring as much as possible as wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0028589-001

I ask that the following be included in the final Chugach National Forest Plan.

1. Recommend wilderness designation under the Wilderness Preservation System for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta

3. Recommend wilderness designation for important areas in Prince William Sound, such as the Knight and Montague Islands, Jack Bay, and Sawmill Bay.

4. Recommend wilderness designation for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, in the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, and in the Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0028591-001

Wilderness designation is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness should be designated for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness should be designated for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0028592-001

I recommend wilderness designation for these critical areas of the Delta.

The valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river .

Important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays.

Critical brown bear habitat, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla rivers.

0028769-001

Please protect the chugach Nat'l Forest Permanently by designating it as wilderness.

0029033-001

Just a quick note to ask for your support and lend mine to the campaign for the Wilderness designation of the entire Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound. These areas are critical habitat for many species of fish and wildlife.

0029041-002

Balance throughout the forest the designation of wilderness areas; Make it accessible to people living in various gateway communities (Cordova, Valdez Girdwood etc).

0029041-003

Include biologically rich & diverse areas in wilderness not just the majority being rock & ice !

Comment # Comment

0029046-002 In the Preferred Alternative a road corridor has been established from the Seward Highway (at about mile 14) to the headwaters of Snow River South Fork and beyond toward Port Nellie Juan in Prince William Sound) I guess this means the USFS has abandoned designating that part of the Snow and Nellie Juan Rivers as 'Wild' (as per the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act) AND are using the road corridor as a disqualifier of the area for Wilderness designation. If possible I'd like the Wilderness designation to extend to these watershed parcel numbers P593, P522, P536, K279

0029048-001 I am writing to ask that you include wilderness areas [Illegible] the National Forest to protect the Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound in particular.

0029048-004 It is crucial that this area be protected from mining and [Illegible] development and des. protect wilderness.

0029075-001 Although the Chugach plan has designated wild and wilderness area proposals, many critical areas are not protected. To be effective, the plan must address more of these critical areas, such as the Snow River area, Montague Island, Twenty Mile river valley, the Copper River Delta wetlands, the entire 1984 WSA plan, and Knight Island.

0029078-001 The following areas should be considered for Wilderness designation:

 The area east of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes all the way to Prince William Sound, including the Snow River drainages.

 Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island.

 The area southeast of the Copper River - The Twentymile River valley near Girdwood.

0029080-002 I strongly recommend that more Wilderness areas be recommended across the Chugach National Forest to ensure the long-term health of critical watersheds, fisheries, wildlife corridors and staging areas.

Comment # Comment

0029081-001

I support the proposed Wilderness designations as shown in the preferred alternative, but more is needed. The following areas should be considered for Wilderness designation:

 The area east of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes all the way to Prince William Sound, including the Snow River drainages.

 Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island.

 The area southeast of the Copper River -- The Twentymile River Valley near Girdwood.

0029082-002

I also urge that the following areas be recommended as wilderness areas: Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River); Kenai River Headwaters; the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region; Knight Island; Montague Island; Twentymile River Valley;

0029084-001

I support the proposed Wilderness designations as shown in the preferred alternative, but more is needed. The following areas should be considered for Wilderness designation:

 The area east of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes all the way to Prince William Sound, including the Snow River drainages.

 Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island.

 The area southeast of the Copper River -- The Twentymile River Valley near Girdwood.

0029092-005

I request that the Forest Service afford the Chugach National Forest, Prince William Sound, Kenai Peninsula, and the Copper River Delta the Wilderness Designation they so vitally need for their long-term preservation.

0029093-001

1) Reinstate the wilderness designation for the entire Snow River and Nellie Juan Watersheds as it was recommended in the 1984 plan.

0029094-001

1) Reinstate the wilderness designation for the entire Snow River and Nellie Juan Watersheds as it was recommended in the 1984 plan.

Comment # Comment

0029095-004

Wilderness designation should be given to the Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile in the Kenai Peninsula.

Prince William Sound: the entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays receive designation, particularly in light of the damage from the Exxon Valdez the tourism industry.

0029098-001

1) Reinstate the wilderness designation for the entire Snow River and Nellie Juan Watersheds as it was recommended in the 1984 plan.

0029099-001

As a concerned citizen and environmentalist, I would like to express my concern for the Alaskan wilderness, particularly areas which have yet to be granted protected wilderness status: Specifically, The Copper River Delta, the Prince William Sound, and the Kenai peninsula. It is imperative to the well being of our environment that these areas are protected.

0029117-002

COPPER RIVER DELTA: I urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: I urge 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.

KENAI PENINSULA: I urge the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0029118-001

Please recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. Same goes for all eligible wild and scenic rivers forest-wide should be, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

In the Prince William Sound, entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays should be declared Wilderness to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism. Also please recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0029119-001

DESIGNATE THE CHUGACH AS WILDERNESS

Thus insuring future generations of the INTEGRITY of the Copper River Delta, the already wounded Prince William Sound, and the Kenai River Watershed

0029121-001

I AM ASKING YOU TO PROTECT THIS BEAUTIFUL AND IMPORTANT WILDLIFE AREA AND DESIGNATE IT AS WILDERNESS.

Comment # Comment

0029126-001

Wilderness: Headwaters of the Kenai (Snow River area), Twentymile River Valley between Girdwood and Portage valleys Wild River: Kenai, Twentymile River

The Copper River Delta should also be designated Wilderness as much as possible.

0029127-001

We 'urge you strongly to support a plan which would make the biologically most important areas of Chugach National Forest into designated wilderness areas. Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, Twentymile, Knight and Montague islands (at the least) should all be designated as wilderness areas.

0029131-001

I specifically recommend that the following areas be recommended and managed as Wilderness:

Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River)
Kenai River Headwaters (the Snow River area)
The College Fjord/Nellie Juan wilderness/Whittier Region
Knight Island
Montague Island
Twentymile River Valley
Resurrection Creek-Russian River area

0029136-002

Wetlands east and west of the Copper River should be designated wilderness.

Prince William Sound - including the entire Wilderness Study area, the Jack and Sawmill Bays, and the Knight and Montague Islands.

Kenai Peninsula including Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River and Twentymile.

0029139-001

The Forest Service is now accepting the public's input in a comment period which closes December 14, 2000. Now is the time for us, owners of our public lands, to speak up and demand Wilderness for the wetlands of the Copper River Delta as well as protections for other valuable parts of the Chugach National Forest like Prince William Sound.

0029140-001

Recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

-- Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

-- Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

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0029153-001

Please see the attached document stating my opposition to the current plan and support for increased wilderness designation.

0029182-002

All of the Copper River Delta should be wilderness, including wetlands east and west of the river.

0029201-001

As a professional forester and an Alaska resident I am appalled by increasing Wilderness designation in the Chugach National Forest. Federal bureaucracy and environmentalist incompetence is the greatest threat to this forest. I urge there be no additions to Wilderness designation.

0029222-001

I strongly recommend that more wilderness areas to be recommended across the Chugach National Forest to ensure the long-term health of critical watersheds, fisheries, wildlife corridors and staging areas.

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0026730-002 Wilderness Designations

Once again, we urge you to use Wilderness designations to protect biotic--rather than scenic or recreational-- values across the forest, and to distribute Wilderness across the forest so that residents of each forest community have nearby Wilderness as well as backcountry access.

Over half the recommended Wilderness in the preferred alternative is rock and ice; it protects almost a million acres of unvegetated terrain that is of little value as fish or wildlife habitat. Instead of recommending large glaciers and icefields as Wilderness, we would like you to recommend ecologically significant Wilderness areas. We strongly support the recommendation of Wilderness for the coastline from Columbia Glacier to Esther Passage, from Port Nellie Juan to Kings Bay, and from Icy Bay to Port Bainbridge. However, we regard the designation of the Sound's icefields, and the large region northeast of the Copper River as an ecological throwaway. We would rather see recommended Wilderness on Knight Island, Montague Island, and the Copper River Delta.

Moreover, the preferred alternative includes no recommended Wilderness on the Turnagain Arm, Kenai Peninsula region of the forest. This is a problem from the standpoint of economic diversity as well as ecological protection: residents of Turnagain Arm and Kenai Peninsula communities like Girdwood, Seward and Cooper Landing would benefit from the opportunity to be Wilderness 'gateway' communities, along with Whittier, Valdez, and Cordova.

Three areas on the Turnagain Arm/Kenai Peninsula portion of the forest have high wilderness potential: Twentymile/Carmen, Resurrection/Primrose, and Snow River. We would like you to recommend designation for Twentymile and either Snow River or Resurrection/Primrose. The specific rationale for each follows:

1. Twentymile: the outstanding fish and wildlife habitat provided by this watershed warrants Wilderness designation. The watershed contains rich alpine, forest, riparian, and wetland habitat, and provides important seasonal habitat for migratory birds and waterfowl (including Trumpeter swans) as well as year-round habitat for resident wildlife populations (moose, wolf, mountain goat, wolverine) and prime coho habitat. This watershed contains the highest wildlife values of any watershed on the National Forest in the Turnagain Arm drainage.

The main rationale for denying Wilderness designation for this area has been existing commercial heli-ski activity in West Twentymile. As a compromise, we suggest drawing a Wilderness boundary that would exclude the West Twentymile heli-ski zone, leave a reasonable buffer along the road/railroad corridor, and protect the important wildlife habitat in the rest of the watershed. The compromise Wilderness area would include the following units: K312, K310, K302, K301, K299, K300, K305, K308, K307, K309, K311, K306, and K315.

2. Resurrection/Primrose. This area contains very diverse habitat - extensive alpine tundra vegetation, coastal riparian and mountain forests, and transitional-interior forest - in a concentrated area. It protects important brown bear corridors, and includes the proposed research natural area along Kenai Lake. It borders a National Park and the wilderness portion of a National Wildlife Refuge, making Wilderness designation compatible with adjacent land management.

3. Snow River; This area was recommended for Wilderness in the 1984 Management Plan. Its Wilderness value has not diminished since then.

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0028328-020 While many unfortunate myths persist about wildemess "locking up" public lands, the truth is far different. Uses allowed in recommended and designated wildemess under Alaska National Interest Lands Act (ANILCA) include aquaculture, commercial and sport fishing, hunting, use of aircraft, snowmobiles and motorboats for traditional activities (as deEned by ANILCA), access to private inholdings, and, of course, all fomms of nonmotorized recreation. Further, contrary to what the prefernd alternative suggests, where a split estate exists, wildemess designation does not impede access. In fact, some split estate owners are guaranteed access within certain documents, such as the Chugach Native, Inc. agreement.

At nearly 6 million acres, the Chugach Nahonal Forest is the country's second largest national forest, yet remains unprotected. Given the amount of public support for wildemess protections, it's extremely disappointing the Forest Service has taken such a minimalist approach. Wildemess on the Chugach is highoy compatible with the Roadless Policy, with public opinion and with sustaining the resources on which local economies depend. A household study conducted for the Forest Service in 1998 showed strong support for wildemess and wildemess values among those who live closest to or within the Chugach. For example, 72.7% of all respondents favored or strongly favored managing the Chugach for wildemess. Only 15.3% opposed or strongly opposed wildemess.

Section 2(a) of the Wildemess Act states that: "preservation of wildemess is necessary to assure that increasing human population and human developments should not occupy or modify all areas of the country." Ironically, the region expected to be most intensely impacted on a cumulative basis, the Kenai Peninsula, is also the region which received no wildemess recommendations. Instead, the preferred alternative recommends wildemess protections that appear an anempt to not rock the boat. We remind the CNF that the Forest Service has a wildemess heritage. (see Ahachment A) We encourage the Forest Service, rather, to act boldly. As Chief Dombek, in a recent speech at the National Wildemess Conference in September, put it: Today, the National Wildemess Preservation System accounts for about 5 percent of the land area of the United States. Tbat might not soond like much, and in fact it's not nearly enough. But the scarcity of wildemess makes it all the more precious. We need what wildemess can give us. Wildemess provides us witb clean water and air. Wildemess provides habitats for plants and animals, including a refuge for endangered species; all too often, wildemess is their last, best hope for survival. Wildemess provides a reference for evaluating the effect of management activities on soil, water, air, and ecological processes. Wildemess provides solitude, a refuge from the noise and traff c that plague us in our daily lives. Wildemess provides scenic beauty, a place for quiet reflection on what it means to be alive. And let's not forget—wildemess provides economic benefits to communities through tourism and recreation, and to society at large through clean water and clean air. (Ahachment B)

Instead, in the prefernd alternative areas of biological importance are largely left out, while protections are afforded for glaciers. Between 50 & 60% of all species within the forest depend on forested, scrub, and or herbgram-moss-lichen for their habitat. Table 3-46 "Number and percent of species using the general habitat" does not even list ice and snow environs. However, ofthose areas recommended for wildemess, 65.2% (1,174,108.6 acres of 1,801,941.5 total acres proposed) are ice, snow, rock, mud and sand.

0029305-002 The same designation should apply to the entire Prince William Sound and Wilderness Study Area and on the Kenai Peninsula and River Areas, Snow River, Resurrection Creek and Twenty Mile must be included too.

0029306-002 We strongly support Alternative F or at least wilderness designation for the following: Copper River Delta wetlands. Prince William Sound, (entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays), and Kenai Peninsula (Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River and Twentymile).

0029308-001 MAKE THIS NATIONAL FOREST WILDERNESS FOREVER. SAVE THE FOREST FROM ANY DESTRUCTION!!!!

Comment # Comment

0029327-001 I believe the remaining roadless areas in N. America deserve protection and designation as Wilderness based on this ideal.

0029332-001

I am writing to recommend wilderness protection for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Wilderness protection is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness protection would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

Important areas in prince William Sound like Knight and Montague islands should also be protected, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Wilderness protection is needed for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0029334-001

I strongly support legislation that places Chugach, Copper River Delta, the Tongass National Forest, Prince William Sound and all other wilderness areas of Alaska in a 'preferred' status for protection. We know what happens when we, the guardians, let 'progress' and interest groups take control of our precious natural resources. Someone must speak for all of us who place such great value in our land.

0029338-001

I urge you to recommend wilderness protection status for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek. Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

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0029341-001

I recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

And I further recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0029342-001

Please recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

I also ask that you recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0029344-001

I urge you to recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river as the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

I also urge you to recommend wilderness for:

*ALL eligible wild and scenic rivers in the Forest, including the Copper, Bering, Martin, and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes;

*important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez, oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism;

*all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

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0029345-001

I am a concerned, educated citizen that would like to see some of the Chugach National forest set aside as wilderness area. As a resident of the Eastern U.S., I know too well how fleeting old growth forest is (we have essentially none). And old growth is not something that we can easily get back, due to the projected cutting cycles. When I travel to Alaska, the pristine wilderness is what I enjoy most, and it should be protected as wilderness.

If for no other reason, temperate and northern boreal and pristine delta regions are rare worldwide, and so the lands in Alaska need to be protected. If we are concerned about tropical lands, we need to set an example for other countries of how to manage them here in the states. Chugach lands need wilderness status to ensure old growth forever. Places like the Copper River Delta need special consideration.

0029346-001

I ask for wilderness designation of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

In order to help species recover the Exxon Valdez, disaster, I recommend that important areas of Prince William Sound such as Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays be declared wilderness areas.

I request that wilderness protection be given to brown bear habitat in Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0029348-001

Recommends wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley. Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0029349-001

I recommend wilderness designations of all of the following: the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river (wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism);

important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays (to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism);

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0029351-001

Please include wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness will also be critical for brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0029356-001

Please recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Please recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0029360-001

Please keep wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

Please keep wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

We need wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0029363-001

I'm urging the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness status for ALL of the Copper River Delta wetlands, including all eligible wild and scenic rivers. The same Wilderness status should be designated for the entire prince William Sound Study Area. And, as much as I enjoyed the Kenai Peninsula, it too should be declared Wilderness, protecting Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile from motorized traffic.

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0029381-001

The chugach forest is one the last natural wilderness left for future generations. I ask that you do the job of protection the forest. No roads, no commercial logging no ranger outposts, no government ordered arm of HAARP or military activities in there only the wildness that is a live as part of the eco-system.

0029384-001

Save the forest, we demand wilderness for Alaska's wild Chugach National Forest.

0029389-002

Wetlands east and west of the Copper River should be designated wilderness.

Prince William Sound - including the entire Wilderness Study area, the Jack and Sawmill Bays, and the Knight and Montague Islands.

Kenai Peninsula including Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile.

0029392-001

Please recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

0029393-001

Recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

0029410-001

I urge you to pursue a wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound region.

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0029425-001

I recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

-- Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

-- Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

0029440-005

I would also like to see true Alaska wilderness areas of the forest set up with no motorized recreation as in the lower 48 wilderness areas. These areas should include river valleys as well as mountain tops.

0029444-001

This letter is written to urge the U.S. Forest Service to include the Chugach National Forest in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I urge you to include the Copper River Delta, a world renowned place for migratory birds and salmon. Also consider the Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

0029446-001

1) Reinstate the wilderness designation for the entire Snow River and Nellie Juan Watersheds as it was recommended in the 1984 plan.

0029449-001

I strongly recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

It is my belief that wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism, which is sure to happen otherwise.

Wilderness designation would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

I further recommend wilderness for other areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness should also be included for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

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0029451-001

The Forest Service should, recommend wilderness designation for the critical COPPER RIVER DELTA to protect valuable habitat for wildlife.

Also, areas in Prince William Sound, like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays should receive wilderness designation to allow these areas to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

0029460-001

Please recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Please also recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

0029465-003

Furthermore, such Wilderness recommendations violate the provisions of ANILCA requiring prior mineral evaluation before such dispositions.

0029468-006

* Wilderness Recommendations

The DEIS's recommendations for Wilderness areas falls far short of recommending protection for candidate areas for Wilderness designations. The Chugach National Forest encompasses 5.5 million acres and is the northern-most temperate rainforest in the nation. At 98% roadless, it includes one of the world's last remaining intact rainforests. It is the second largest national forest in the country, and although 98% of the Chugach is classified as roadless and qualifies for Wilderness designation, there is no designated Wilderness on the forest. Comprised of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound, and the Copper River Delta, the issues and threats facing these three regions vary and demand wilderness protection for all regions.

0029469-002

Wilderness

The Forest Service's preferred alternative recommends wilderness for only 1,847,010 acres in the Chugach, including only 25 percent of the eligible roadless land. Clearly there are additional areas of the forest that deserve consideration for the additional protection that a category one prescription provides. In fact, the majority of the wilderness recommendations included in the Preferred Alternative are for areas primarily containing rock and ice. It is very important that the wilderness recommendations accurately reflect the variety of ecosystem types in the forest. Unfortunately, the Preferred Alternative's wilderness recommendations fail to represent this spectrum and should be improved in the final (see specific wilderness recommendations below).

0029470-003

I support Wilderness designation on the entire eastern portion of the Copper River Delta; large islands in Prince William Sound; and on the Kenai Peninsula. In the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region, the entire Wilderness Study Area of the 1984 plan should be protected as Wilderness, Federal and State agency protection of large,

0029471-005

Specifically, the preferred alternative should place recommended wilderness in the following areas; College Fjord/Nellie Juan (Wilderness Study Area); Big Islands to include Montague, Hinchinbrook, and Hawkins Islands; Resurrection Valley; Seattle Creek area; Snow River drainages; Russian Lakes & Primrose areas; Quartz Creek; Surprise Valley; Twentymile; and Copper River Delta (east Delta and Barrier Islands).

Comment # Comment

0030141-001

Please may I urge you to [Illegible] wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands thereby protecting wildlife habitat for extended time!!

I also realize that Prince William Sound still requires attention due to the Exxon [Illegible] oil [Illegible], so [Illegible] to Jack & Sawmill Bays & Knight & Montague Islands wild life.

0030146-001

It is disturbing to read that Chugach N. F. is not protected as a wilderness area. This unique and invaluable wild forest area must be protected from development.

0030163-001

Please request wilderness designations for all of the Copper River Delta, certain areas like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Small Bays, and all eligible wild and scenic rivers, Copper, Martin Bering and Katalla.

wilderness has great dollar value.

0030211-001

Please recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands both east & west of river also. Also important areas in Prince William Sound

0030448-001

Please recommend wilderness designation for the following:

Copper River Delta wetlands.

Important areas in Prince William Sound.

Critical brown bear habitat.

0030475-001

Please consider designating some of the remote portions of the Chugach National Forest as wilderness for example Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek, Twentymile, Snow River, Knight Island and Montague Island.

0030676-001

I am writing to urge that you seek wilderness designation for sensitive areas of the Chugach such as the Copper River Delta wetlands, Prince William Sound, and other areas which are critical habitat for animal protection.

0031333-001

We hope parts of the Chugach N. F. and Copper R. Delta will be granted wilderness states

Comment # Comment

0031362-001

I am writing to you about the Chugach National Forest. I believe that this wild area should have wilderness protection.

0031900-001

The biologically rich areas of the Copper River Delta, the Resurrection Creek and River Areas. Twentymile, Snow River and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound all are worthy of wilderness inclusion.

0031900-003

The biologically rich areas of the Copper River Delta, the Resurrection Creek and River Areas. Twentymile, Snow River and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound all are worthy of wilderness inclusion.

0032250-001

I am writing to urge that several area of Chugach be protected as wilderness and that proposed [Illegible] etc. do not [Illegible] the wise [Illegible] of their lands. The area that should be included are Copper River Delta, reservation creek, & river area, Twenty-mile, Snow River, Prince William Sound & [Illegible] Montague Islands.

0034495-001

As an Alaskan of 32 years, I continue to be concerned about the long-term health of critical watersheds, fisheries, wildlife corridors and staging areas in the Chugach National Forest, and therefore strongly urge that more Wilderness areas be recommended across the Chugach National Forest.

0034176-001

I would like to recommend that you give wilderness designation to the Copper River Delta east and west of the river to protect the habitat of salmon, bears, wolves, etc. I would also recommend wilderness designation for the areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays; critical bear habitat

0034179-001

I recently read information about the Draft EIS for the Chugach National Forest. I was surprised to learn that no wilderness designation is recommended for the valuable wetland, habitat of the Copper River Delta. Likewise, wilderness designation is also absent for areas in Prince William Sound and for critical bear habitat. It only seems prudent that such valuable areas should be set aside for all time and protected from any kind of development or use that could cause irreparable damage. As our population grows and pressure on our most important natural areas increases, I believe our society demands protection of these prime areas. Our natural heritage is at stake and, therefore, I urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for all these critical areas of the Chugach National Forest.

Comment # Comment

0034180-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta, particularly the invaluable wetlands, as wilderness. A wilderness designation would protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire forest service land base and host to the world famous Copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears and wolves.

Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from the poorly-planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drilling, and the sprawl of industrial tourism that threaten the Delta's salmon, wildlife and the livelihoods of the commercial and subsistence fishermen who live there.

Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and expanding the Prince William Sound wilderness study area to help species recover from the 1989 oil spill.

0034209-001

I understand you are currently working on a DEIS for the Chugach National Forest. In the DEIS, I understand that wetlands within the Copper River Delta are being considered for wilderness designation. As a hunter, conservationist, and resource biologist I strongly favor designation of the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area. Specifically, areas east and west of the river should be designated in order to protect valuable habitat for salmon, shorebirds, waterfowl, brown bears, and other wetland-dependent wildlife. In addition, wilderness designation should be extended to areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays. Finally, critical brown bear habitat and all eligible wild and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla rivers should be included in the wilderness designation.

0034211-001

I Recommend wilderness designation for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river!

Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness will permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

I recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

I recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

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0034212-001

Please recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

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-- Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0034219-001

As a member of the National Speleological Society (NSS) and a friend of at least two of the members of the NSS Glacier Grotto in Alaska, I am very concerned that not only should significant areas in glaciers and icefields that represent pristine alpine wilderness be protected, but it is also very important that lower lands and wetlands that provide habitat needed for the protection and preservation of wildlife.

 This land is ours (didn't we buy and pay for much of it?), and please keep as much as possible as wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0034225-002 I specifically request that the Forest Service recommend and manage the following areas as Wilderness.
COPPER RIVER DELTA WETLANDS (east and west of the River):
KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). I strongly recommend this region be protected as Wilderness for these reasons,

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

KNIGHT ISLAND. Additionally, the Forest Service should include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons as Knight Island, which it has done in the Preferred Alternative.

MONTAGUE ISLAND. I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend the entire Montague Island, especially the northern region, as Wilderness. I also support the removal and restoration necessary for the Patton Bay road on the Island.

TWENTYMILE RIVER VALLEY. The spectacular scenery and remote character of the Twentymile River Valley, between Girdwood and Portage valleys, is an area well-suited for Wilderness and Wild River protection. .

The Resurrection Creek-Russian River area, in particular, should be changed to Wilderness.

RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. The Resurrection Pass Trail area, another critical brown bear corridor, is a region of the forest that is eligible for wilderness and is a great choice for a recreational wilderness region. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

0034253-004

Please recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river,
Please also recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

0034254-003

Please recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from clear-cutting, coal mining, and oil and gas drilling. Please
also recommend wilderness for important areas in prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Comment # Comment

0034259-001

Please accept the following comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Chugach National Forest management plan.

I strongly recommend wilderness for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river, wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness status should be granted for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism. All critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys should also be granted wilderness status.

0034260-001

Wilderness designation for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

-- Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

-- Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0034261-001

Please recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river. Please also recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

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0034262-001

*Recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

-- Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

-- Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

*Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

*Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0034298-001

I would like to express my support for providing wilderness designation to all areas which apply in the Chugach Forest. This includes areas around the Copper River, Prince William Sound, and on the Kenai Peninsula.

0034394-001

I currently support Wilderness and wild River designations and Reduced Noise prescriptions in the Chugach; the Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River); the Kenai River Headwaters; the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whit tier region including Ignat, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands and including removing the 313 prescription for facility development on Glacier Island; Knight island; Montague Island; Twentymile River Valley; Resurrection Creek-Russian River area; the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor.

0034397-001

Among the special areas that deserve attention are the Copper River Delta, a wildlife haven and critical migration route for waterfowl.

The College Fjord--Nellie Juan area in Prince William Sound is another Glacier Bay and every bit as deserving of protection.

The Kenai Peninsula--the backyard of Anchorage. Every last roadless acre on the peninsula should be protected. In particular, the Snow River, Russian River, Resurrection River, Bird-Indian-Glacier Creek drainages, and Twenty Mile River watersheds should all be designated wilderness.

The outer islands--Hinchinbrook, Knight and Montague Islands should be protected as well as Jack and Sawmill Bays.

Comment # Comment

0034398-001

I am writing you to urge the Forest Service to take some sensible and necessary actions to protect key habitats in Alaska. Specifically, I would like to see wilderness status for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, intact and complete habitats are critical for wildlife and the Copper River encompasses such a major undisturbed area, that only wilderness designation can protect it.

Secondly I would like to urge 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. We owe it to the many affected species of wildlife to leave them as undisturbed an environment as possible to fully recover.

Lastly I encourage the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat, and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as wilderness on the Kenai. It is an area that is very important for the brown bear and nothing short of habitat wide protection will do the job.

0034400-001

To my mind, the following areas deserve wilderness protection:

COPPER RIVER DELTA: I urge you to to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: I urge you 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.

KENAI PENINSULA: I urge you to to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should also be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0034401-001

I am writing in regards to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement by the Forest Service concerning the Chugach Land Management Plan.

I would recommend and plead with the Forest Service this area as well as all of the rivers in the area be designated WILDERNESS.

This land has begun to recover, however without the help of you recommending this Land WILDERNESS, it stands vulnerable to large scale development and commercialization.

Please recommend these lands as WILDERNESS and protect them from development, drilling, mining, and greed.

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0034402-001

Further:

COPPER RIVER DELTA: SABP demands the Forest Service recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. The Forest Service had recommended Wilderness for the southeastern portion of the Delta in an early draft of their preferred alternative, but changed that recommendation in the Draft EIS.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND: We demand the Forest Service 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.

KENAI PENINSULA: We also demand that the Forest Service recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0034402-003

Please see that these areas are saved for the future!

COPPER RIVER DELTA: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. The Forest Service had recommended wilderness for the southeastern portion of the Delta in an early draft of their preferred alternative, but changed that recommendation in the Draft EIS.

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.

KENAI PENINSULA: Conservationists are urging the Forest Service to recommend Wilderness on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should be recommended as Wilderness on the Kenai.

0034407-001

-- A Wilderness designation would protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire Forest Service land base and host to the world-famous Copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears and wolves.

-- Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clear-cutting, mining, oil drilling, and the sprawl of industrial tourism that threaten the Delta's salmon, wildlife and the livelihoods of the commercial and subsistence fishermen who live there.

-- Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest including critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, and the Prince William Sound wilderness study area where species are recovering from the 1989 oil spill.

Comment # Comment

0034408-001

Make the Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river a wilderness.

I feel the entire Wilderness Study Area, Knight and Montague islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays should be designated Wilderness to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

I recommend a Wilderness designation on the Kenai to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use. Specifically, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River and Twentymile should all be recommended a Wilderness on the Kenai.

0034410-001

Wilderness areas; To protect major ecological values and biodiversity, add the major watersheds of the western portions of the Chugach: the Twenty Mile River Valley and Seattle/Sixmile Rivers in the Turnagain Arm watershed; Snow river and Primrose/Lost Lake in the Kenai and Resurrection Bay watersheds.

Specifically consider the upper Russian River-Resurrection River area, the area east of Seward, around Kenai Lake, Trail Lakes and including Snow River. Protect the entire Prince William Sound Wilderness Study Area, Montague and Knight island, Ignot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands. Protect the entire critical, biologically productive ecosystem of the rich Copper River Delta, (501B area), not just the ice and rock.

Prohibit motorized recreation in the Wilderness Study Area and in Recommended Wilderness.

0034411-001

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

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. KNIGHT ISLAND.

0034414-004

Please recommend accessible Wilderness on the Kenai in the Twentymile River, Resurrection Creek, Snow River, and Russian/Resurrection rivers valleys; and Wilderness for Knight and Montague islands and the Copper River Delta wetlands.

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0034417-004

Regarding Wilderness, I recommend the following additions for Wilderness designation in priority order;

1. East of Seward, Kenai Lake, and Trail Lakes (including Snow River): Though Chugach Alaska Corporation wants road access to lands around Port Nellie Juan, adequate and feasible access exists from Prince William Sound to those lands. There is not a sufficient public interest to insert a road into these magnificent lands. The area is popular for snowmobiling, skiing, hunting and other activities.
2. Knight Island and islands north of Knight Island: This area was hard hit by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, and resources like sea otters and harlequin ducks have still not fully recovered in that area. It is appropriate to designate this area as Wilderness to assist the recovery of fish and wildlife and to protect recreational and commercial fishing services. The mining effects to Knight Island are minimal and can be excised or included if appropriate, in the Wilderness designation.
3. SE of Copper River: We must complete the protection of this world class fish and wildlife habitat. The plan makes a good start in this direction, but should go farther.

0034420-007

Wilderness:

On the Kenai please add designated wilderness areas in trust such as the Resurrection Pass Trail, The area surrounding the Resurrection Creek-Russian River and The Kenai River Headwaters Snow River and South Fork Snow River area.

Please place in trust, the entire jewel of the Copper River Delta, 501b area, to include the wetlands on both sides of the Copper River into wilderness designation. Also designate as wilderness in trust, the entire Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound. Include the islands of Knight, Montague, Peak Eleanor, Ignat, Story, Disk, Naked and Smith islands.

0034422-001

I ask that the following concepts be a part of the final National Forest Plan.

1. Recommend wilderness designation under the Wilderness Preservation System for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, i.e. both east and west of the river.
3. Please recommend Wilderness designation for important areas in Prince William Sound, such as the Knight and Montague Islands, Jack Bay, and Sawmill Bay. This action will help impacted species to continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. It will also help to protect the Prince William Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.
4. Recommend Wilderness designation for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, in the Kenai River valley, on Resurrection Creek, and in the Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0034423-001

Basically, I urge you to extend full and permanent wilderness protection to all lands in the Copper River Delta, Controller Bay, and Prince William Sound. This will ensure their continued integrity as fish and wildlife habitat and their availability for subsistence and recreational uses while allowing commercial fishermen access to adjacent marine waters.

Comment # Comment

0034431-001

-- I recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

-- Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

-- Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild Copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

-- I recommend Wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

-- I recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0034432-001

I am writing in support of Wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

I strongly urge you to designate the entire eastern half of the Delta (east of the Copper River and the one existing road) as Wilderness as well as valuable wetlands in the western Delta.

0034433-001

The preferred alternative should recommend Wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, on both sides of the river.

Please recommend Wilderness for significant areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays to assist in the Exxon Valdez Oil spill recovery. Massive, industrial scale tourism has no place in Prince William Sound.

All critical brown bear habitat must be recommended for wilderness including the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow and Twenty-Mile Valleys.

0034435-003

3) in addition to the above recommendations I favor adding the following areas to the Wilderness Category:

a) Knight Island because is highly suited to wilderness recreational use Anadyr Adventures offers kayaking, hiking wildlife watching trips to Knight Island.

b) Culross Island and Culross Passage because it is a safe area for small boats and kayakers.

c) I support continuing the recommendation for wilderness designation for the Cochrane and Blackstone Bay areas because they offer opportunities for kayakers. Cochrane Bay has high wildlife values

d) I support Wilderness for the Copper River Delta area as proposed by the National Wildlife Federation.

0034435-004

The prescription for wilderness areas allocates 30% of the user days to commercial companies and 70% to recreational users. I suggest changing this to 50/50 or 60% commercial/40% non-commercial use.

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0034436-001

My specific recommendations follow;
Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the river):

Wilderness designation for the Delta wetlands would permanently protect the management intent of ANILCA (Section 501(b)), states that conservation shall be the 'primary purpose for management' of fisheries and wildlife habitat. Road construction, oil and gas development, and coal mining are extractive industries proposed for this region that would permanently alter the wild character of these magnificent wetlands and fisheries. In addition, the Forest Service should protect the Martin, Copper, Bering, Katalla Rivers by recommending them for wild River status for their outstanding and remarkable ecological values for fish and wildlife habitat.

Recreational Wilderness on the Kenai :

The preferred alternative should reflect consensus by recommending Wilderness for the Resurrection Creek and River valleys, Seattle Creek, Quartz Creek and the Russian River area. I urge the Forest Service to recommend Resurrection Creek and River, Seattle Creek and the Sixmile Creek Complex as Wild Rivers.

3. Prince William Sound

College Fjord/Nellie Juan Wilderness & the Whittier Region : The entire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of the 1984 plan should remain in its current status, to be protected as Wilderness as originally intended with ANILCA. Wilderness of the entire WSA is especially critical now that the state has developed the road to Whittier, opening an ecosystem still in recovery from the Exxon oil spill to a tenfold increase in visitors. Ignot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith islands should be recommended as Wilderness to prevent unnecessary human developments such as destination lodges and other tourism facility developments.

0034436-006

Wilderness recommendations should include watershed numbers P593, P522, P536, and K279.

0034443-001

I Recommend wilderness protection for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

We need wilderness protection for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

I Recommend wilderness protection for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Comment # Comment

0034444-001

Please recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river. Wilderness is the most effective way to permanently protect the natural qualities of the Delta from potential impacts related to clear-cutting, coal mining, and oil and gas drilling on adjacent lands. Please also recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

0034445-003

As the headwaters of the Kenai River, the Snow River drainage needs to be protected with Wilderness status. It does not make sense to open up the possibility that a road will be built through this area in the future so that the Chugach Alaska Corporation can develop its remote lands. This private corporation knew the limitations of this land when they selected it. They should not be given special treatment now at the expense of the health of our national forest and the Kenai River.

As I read the 'Preferred Alternative,' the area around the Nellie Juan River is also being removed from a 'Recommended Wilderness' status so that a road could be built to Chugach Alaska's property if they get the permits. Again, let's end the special treatment. This land should be managed for all Americans, not the economic interests of a few.

The Preferred Alternative to the Chugach National Forest Plan revision should be amended to include the Snow River and Nellie Juan areas as Wilderness.

0034447-002

Please recommend accessible Wilderness on the Kenai in the Twentymile River, Resurrection Creek, Snow River, and Russian/Resurrection rivers valleys; and Wilderness for Knight and Montague islands and the Copper River Delta wetlands.

0034451-001

I am writing to express my strongest opinion that the entire Copper River wetlands should be declared as wilderness, as should all of the Chugach and Tongass National Forest.

0034456-001

1) Reinstate the wilderness designation for the entire Snow River and Nellie Juan Watersheds as it was recommended in the 1984 plan.

0034458-001

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

The entire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of the 1984 plan should be protected as Wilderness and the entire Nellie Juan as Wild. KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The consequences of mining on island would add insult to injury. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, Sc Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons.

Comment # Comment

0034460-001

Although the Chugach plan has designated wild and wilderness area proposals, many critical areas are not protected. To be effective, the plan must address more of these critical areas, such as the Snow River area, Montague Island, Twenty Mile river valley, the Copper River Delta wetlands, the entire 1984 WSA plan, and Knight Island.

0034461-001

As a professional forester and an Alaska resident I am appalled by increasing Wilderness designation in the Chugach National Forest. Federal bureaucracy and environmentalist incompetence is the greatest threat to this forest. I urge there be no additions to Wilderness designation.

0034568-002

I see a fine map, patterned and colored with its handy, dandy prescription-activity-matrix, but I do not recognize some of the places it represents. Though I've been to many -- sometimes often -- it is though I cannot see the forest for the maps.

I believe the primary and highest value of this region is its 'wholeness.' A wholeness of spirit known few other places. A wholeness of habitat for all species -- humans included.

With few permanent man-made enclaves, one can still imagine it as a wild place. Should this place be lost like so many others, we are all to blame.

Once again, this region's map is set out on the table like a pie, with many a knife ready for the moment it cools.

As Prince William Sound, the Copper River and the Chugach National Forest lose their wilderness character, the pieces get ever smaller. Unrecognizable crumbs never again to equal the whole.

I cannot find words to equal my delight in this region and my passion to see it preserved and restored.

We have it in our power to keep this a place where the fish come back, where the eagles soar and where people can be human.

Please do not just label these lands, waters and skies 'Wilderness.' Make them a permanent wilderness that a bear would recognize. Make all the rivers wild. Keep motors out of the back country. Preserve the solitude and primitive character of this natural jewel in the wonderland of Alaska.

0034572-001

As a professional forester and an Alaska resident I am appalled by increasing Wilderness designation in the Chugach National Forest. Federal bureaucracy and environmentalist incompetence is the greatest threat to this forest. I urge there be no additions to Wilderness designation.

Comment # Comment

0034573-002

Although the Chugach plan has designated wild and wilderness area proposals, many critical areas are not protected.

To be effective, the plan must address more of these critical areas, such as the Snow River area, Montague Island, Twenty Mile river valley, the Copper River Delta wetlands, the entire 1984 WSA plan, and Knight Island.

0034575-001

I strongly recommend that more wilderness areas to be recommended across the Chugach National Forest to ensure the long-term health of critical watersheds, fisheries, wildlife corridors and staging areas.

0034589-001

I support the proposed Wilderness designations as shown in the preferred alternative, but more is needed.

The following areas should be considered for Wilderness designation:

The area east of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes all the way to Prince William Sound, including the Snow River drainages.

Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island.

The area southeast of the Copper River -- The Twentymile River Valley near Girdwood.

0034592-003

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

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.

MONTAGUE ISLAND. The management prescription proposed for Montague (244) clearly does not meet the management directive needed for the fish & wildlife habitat. Montague deserves wilderness.

RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. One of the most important purposes of wilderness is to provide people with a broad array of outdoor recreational opportunities & maintain scenic trails & vistas. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

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0034670-003 RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. One of the most important purposes of wilderness is to provide people with a broad array of outdoor recreational opportunities & maintain scenic trails & vistas. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight I is one of my favorite places in Prince William Sound. It is one of the few areas in the world that can be visited in a really pristine state. Please include it and the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor. Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands as wilderness.

MONTAGUE ISLAND. The management prescription proposed for Montague (244) clearly does not meet the management directive needed for fish & wildlife habitat since it 'conditionally' allows for commercial timber harvesting, minerals activities, motorized recreation, new roads, destination, utility systems, and year-round helicopter landings. Montague deserves wilderness.

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

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.

Comment # Comment

0034677-003

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

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. KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The consequences of mining on island would add insult to injury. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons.

MONTAGUE ISLAND. The management prescription proposed for Montague (244) clearly does not meet the management directive needed for the fish & wildlife habitat since it 'conditionally' allows for commercial timber harvesting, all minerals activities, motorized recreation, new roads, destination, utility systems, and year-round helicopter landings. Montague deserves wilderness.

RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. One of the most important purposes of wilderness is to provide people with a broad array of outdoor recreational opportunities & maintain scenic trails & vistas. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

0034703-001

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

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. KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The consequences of mining on island would add insult to injury. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons. MONTAGUE ISLAND. The management prescription proposed for Montague (244) clearly does not meet the management directive needed for the fish & wildlife habitat since it 'conditionally' allows for commercial timber harvesting, all minerals activities, motorized recreation, new roads, destination, utility systems, and year-round helicopter landings. Montague

Comment # Comment

0034748-001

Many areas of the Chugach NF should be designated as Wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

- Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

0034749-002

I also support the increased protection that the status of Wild Rivers and Wilderness given to the Snow River, Twenty Mile and all other rivers under consideration, and all the islands in Prince William Sound.

0034750-001

Also, I urge you to insure that the Forest Service recommendations regarding the Chugach National Forest be expanded to include specific wilderness designation for the Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta and tributary rivers.

0034756-001

I urge you to recommend all available roadless lands for Wilderness designation and interim management as such in the upcoming Forest Plan revision. As US citizens,

0034758-002

3. The SNOW River, recommended for Wilderness in the 1984 Forest Plan.

4. The entire NELLIE JUAN River, not just the portion contained in the existing Wilderness Study Area.

0034764-003

Please PROHIBIT motorized recreation in Wilderness. Provide at least as much protection from motorized recreational activities in Alaska Wilderness as in the lower 48.

0034765-001

Please, designate MORE WILDERNESS in the Chugach!

0034766-002

I recommend Wilderness designation on the Kenai Peninsula, specifically: East of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes (including Snow River) SE of Copper River

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0034773-001

I live in Cordova and am taking time out of my busy day to urge the Forest Service to recommend to Congress that the Copper River Delta (Delta) and Prince William Sound (PWS) be designated as Wilderness. Protecting these areas permanently with a Wilderness designation for fisheries and small scale tourism is more sustainable than development.

Indeed, a Wilderness designation would better protect the fish and their habitat and would better serve the commercial fishing community.

Please recommend to Congress that the Delta and PWS be designated Wilderness.

0034782-001

I urge you to designate as wilderness a significantly larger area in the final plan for the Chugach National Forest than is currently proposed.

0034787-001

Recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

0034789-001

High points are: provide more wilderness (the distribution of areas with wilderness designation seems almost token, since 55% of the designated wilderness area is located in rock and ice - this seems to be beneficial to few people and little wildlife, especially on the Kenai Peninsula;

0034790-002

. I also support designating additional areas as protected Wilderness areas from further development.

0034793-001

Please reconsider the proposed changes for the management plan for the Chugach National Forest. Wilderness designation protects the lands far better than other possibilities, and still makes them available for those who are willing to respect the land and its animal inhabitants. We support keeping as much of it designated as wilderness as possible, and severely restricting any development.

0034794-001

.I support designating wilderness areas in parts of the Forest in large enough areas to ensure the long-term viability of fish and wildlife populations, while allowing certain legitimate resource extraction and traditional motorized use areas where appropriate.

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- 0034796-001 As public servants, please note that public requests are increasing for conservation-oriented management of Chugach N.F. Specifically, wilderness and wild rivers designations will accurately reflect what the U.S. citizens are asking for in the Chugach. Please work with us in managing these valuable resources.
- 0034798-001
- Please recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.
- Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from LARGE-scale industrial tourism.
- Please recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.
- 0034806-001
- Please protect ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river by designating these as wilderness.
- Important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays must be protected as wilderness to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.
- 0034813-001
- I urge that the Forest Service designate as wilderness ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.
- should be designated as wilderness, together with significant wildlife areas in Prince William Sound including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help their wildlife continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.
- 0034816-001 Under Wilderness
- Although we said we would restrict our comments to the Kenai Peninsula, adequate protection of the Copper River Delta is of such paramount importance, that we need to reinforce our support of the Prince William Sound Audubon Society in advocating that this area be Recommended Wilderness.
- 0034824-001 Please recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:
- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
- Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

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0034825-001

Please protect ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river by designating these as wilderness.

Important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays must be protected as wilderness to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

0034835-001

I am writing to express my support for a forest plan that employs wilderness as a tool to protect and recognize areas in the Chugach like the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek and watershed.

0034836-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0034837-005

5. Lands outside the Wilderness Study Area were studied and recommended for 'Wilderness' designation. Lands already designated 501(b) by Congress were recommended for 'wilderness.' Such studies and recommendations violate the 'no-more' clause of ANILCA (1326(b)).

0034840-001

I am writing to ask the Forest Service to recommend more Wilderness in Alaska's Chugach National Forest - one of the world's last remaining rainforests. The 5.6-million-acre forest is 98% roadless, yet not one acre is protected as Wilderness. The Forest is comprised of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound, and the Copper River Delta, and the issues and threats facing these three regions vary and demand wilderness protection for all regions. I request the Forest Service directly to recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

0034848-001

Please designate more wilderness areas and rivers in the Chugach national forest

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0034849-001

Many areas of this National Forest are in need of Wilderness Protection. These include all wetlands and estuarine waters, salmon breeding water. In addition, forestlands immediately adjacent to these waters should receive Wilderness designation to protect the water quality from the contaminated runoff produced as a result of timber harvesting operations.

0034853-001

In a country where quiet and wild places are rapidly disappearing, I urge you to PLEASE recommend these areas as wilderness in the Chugach final management plan.

- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
- Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon valdez oil spill.
- Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twentymile, to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use.

0034866-001

I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound.

0034866-002

I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound.

0034875-001

Please reconsider and recommend as wilderness most of the Copper River Delta, the Bering River and Controller Bay area, and Kayak Island excluding the Cape St. Elias lighthouse.

The Collee Fjord-Nellie Juan wilderness recommendation should include Knight island and the smaller islands off Knight. I have paddled around Knight island and into its wild bays; it's a fine wilderness resource and it should be protected.

0034876-004

- Wilderness Designation for: Montage island. Knight Island, Copper River Delta.
- Other areas of concern but are not first priority are:
Wilderness are designations for:
 - Prince William Sound Wilderness Study area, the islands of Knight, Montague, Ignot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk and Smith.
 - Seattle Valley
 - Wilderness Designation of areas in Prince William Sound, but this a majority of rock and ice. This provides no protection of habitat that can sustain much diversity of wildlife. Rock and Ice need far less protection. After all other than melting or eroding away what else is there to protect the rock and ice from.

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0034882-001

I support a wilderness designation for ALL of the following Islands: Disk, Eleanor, Ignot, Knight, Montague, Naked, Peak, Story, and Smith. These islands are gems to be preserved. In the aftermath of Exxon-Valdez oil spill, we must ensure the protection and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat in Prince William Sound.

I support a wilderness designation for the Twentymile River Valley and that the Twentymile River be designated as wild. It is a fantastic area worthy of such designations. I support Its closure to snowmachines in even years.

I support wilderness designations for the Copper River Delta wetlands, areas east and west of the Copper River. It is an area rich In critical fish and wildlife habitat. I support the Copper (north and south), Bering, Martin, and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes all being protected as Wild.

I am very concerned about maintaining healthy bear populations on the Kenai Peninsula. I support wilderness designations for Resurrection Pass Trail, the Kenai River Headwaters (Snow River), and Resurrection Creek-Russian River area.

0034893-001

It is important that consideration be given to the recommendation of future Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River areas in CNF. Particularly important in this regard are the Nellie Juan area, Snow River, portions of the Russian River, and the Twentymile River. Several of these areas have been recommended by USFS for Wilderness status in the 1984 CNF Plan.

The Nellie Juan area Wilderness recommendation even pre-dates the passage of ANILCA. The Twentymile Wilderness proposal is particularly important, because this drainage is so close to the populated center of Anchorage. A protected wilderness corridor within easy driving distance of Anchorage would be an assets whose value would increase exponentially in future years.

0034895-001

Please retain all lands in the Nellie Juan Wilderness Study area, as removing lands for proposed wilderness from the study area now will decrease its level of protection.

Specifically, I believe that excluding the Copper River Delta was extremely short-sighted in light of the world-class values of this habitat. In Prince William Sound it is important to include Knight Island, Montague Islands, Jack Bay and Sawmill Bay as Wilderness to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to reduce potential impacts from large-scale industrial tourism. I was disappointed at the lack of proposed wilderness in the accessible region of the Kenai Peninsula, especially Crescent and Cascade Lakes, Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River and Twenty-mile River.

0034897-003

4. Lands outside the Wilderness Study Area were studied and recommended for 'wilderness' designation. Lands already designated 501(b) by Congress were recommended for 'Wilderness.' SUCH STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS VIOLATE THE 'NO-MORE' CLAUSE OF ANILCA!

5. Predictably, given the inherent bias and predetermined conclusion of the revised CLMP and Draft EIS, there is no analysis of the impacts such 'Wilderness' designations would have on access to private inholdings, adjacent private lands, or potentially developable land within the forest. Maybe you're just waiting for CARA to pass so you can buy out all inholdings or adjacent private lands. In that case I guess there's no reason to study the impact of 'Wilderness' designations on private land inholdings. So much for the sanctity of private property rights.

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- 0034906-003 The referred Alternative 2 falls short however, as far as the protection of wildlife habitat and roadless wilderness. Considering the massive size of the Chugach National Forest, the areas which are proposed for wilderness area designation are inadequate and fail to reflect national interest priorities. In particular, the Snow River and Nellie Juan River watersheds should be considered for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River System and their adjacent uplands protected as designated wilderness. Almost all of Prince William Sound qualifies for and should be proposed for wilderness area designation.
- 0034907-004 Please designate all of Montague and Knight Island as Wilderness. The preferred alternative should also designate all of the Wilderness Study Area as recommended wilderness; Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk and Smith Islands; the Snow River complex, Resurrection Valleys, Russian Lakes, Primrose, Seattle Creek, and Quartz Creek area, the Twentymile (should also be a designated under the wild and scenic Rivers Act).
- 0034916-001 Or tell the Forest Service directly to recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:
- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
 - Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
- 0034916-002 Or tell the Forest Service directly to recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:
- Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twentymile, to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use.
- 0034916-003 Or tell the Forest Service directly to recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:
- All wild and scenic rivers forest wide, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.
- 0034918-003 I am heartened to see the areas of Port Bainbridge, Icy Bay and Port Nellie Juan recommended as Wilderness.
- I also support, though not as strongly. Wilderness recommendation for the Copper River Delta, all of the WSA in Prince William Sound, and the Snow River drainage in the Kenai.
- 0034920-001 The Copper River Delta is under threat from logging, mining, and oil and gas exploration. Before conditions deteriorate further, all productive wetlands of the Delta both east and west of the river must be given wilderness status.
- Other areas that I believe deserve wilderness status include Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays. Critical Brown Bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula and the Kenai River valley should also be fully protected as Wilderness.
- 0034922-002 2. Wilderness designation in critical wildlife areas, such as the Copper River Delta, and Montague and Knight Islands, is important for providing maximum protection.
4. Finally, on the Kenai, please set aside as Wilderness the Kenai River Headwaters, Resurrection Creek-Russian River and Resurrection Pass Trail.

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0034925-004

Wilderness

All of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river be designated as wilderness.

Wilderness designation should be assigned for other important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

All critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River Valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys should also be designated as Wilderness.

0034929-002

First and foremost, we would like to state that we recommend Wilderness designation for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

If designated as Wilderness, the Copper River Delta would be one of the crowning glories of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Further, we recommend wilderness designation for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Finally, we recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0035720-001

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. KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The consequences of mining on island would add insult to injury. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons.

I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

0035728-001

I support the proposed Wilderness designations as shown in the preferred alternative, but more is needed. The following areas should be considered for Wilderness designation:

The area east of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes all the way to Prince William Sound, including the Snow River drainages.

Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island.

The area southeast of the Copper River -- The Twentymile River Valley near Girdwood.

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0035378-001

I strongly recommend that more Wilderness areas to be recommended across the Chugach National Forest to ensure the long-term health of critical watersheds, fisheries, wildlife corridors and staging areas.

Many regions in the Chugach that are presently eligible for Wilderness or Wild River designations may never be eligible again in future plans because of potential roads & industrial development that now threaten these regions. It is therefore crucial that the Forest Service recommend these areas now.

0035380-001

Please place a high priority on wilderness protection in your forest planning for Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, Knight Island, and Montague Island.

0035383-001

I want more wilderness designations, and wild and scenic river designations.

I prefer the following designations:

Wilderness: Headwaters of the Kenai (Snow River area), Twentymile River Valley between Girdwood and Portage valleys
Wild River: Kenai, Twentymile River

The Copper River Delta should also be designated Wilderness as much as possible. This world-renowned area deserves protection, and along with many others I hope to see it someday.

0035389-001

As a professional forester and an Alaska resident I am appalled by increasing Wilderness designation in the Chugach National Forest. Federal bureaucracy and environmentalist incompetence is the greatest threat to this forest. I urge there be no additions to Wilderness designation.

I further urge there be more logging of insect infested timber stands.

0035392-001

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

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.

KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The consequences of mining on island would add insult to injury. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons.

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0035408-001 Prince William Sound: The entire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of the 1984 plan should be protected as Wilderness
Please include Knight, Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands in wilderness recommendation.

Montague deserves wilderness.

Protect the headwaters of the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wilderness designations.

0035414-001

The following areas should be considered for Wilderness designation:

 The area east of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes all the way to Prince William Sound, including the Snow River drainages.

 Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island.

 The area southeast of the Copper River -- The Twentymile River Valley near Girdwood.

0035415-001

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

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.

RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. One of the most important purposes of wilderness is to provide people with a broad array of outdoor recreational opportunities & maintain scenic trails & vistas. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

0035515-001

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wilderness protections.

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. KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The consequences of mining on island would add insult to injury. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons.

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0035527-002

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

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. KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The consequences of mining on island would add insult to injury. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons.

0035537-001

I ask you to please recommend inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System at least some of the most biologically rich areas within the Chugach National Forest you help manage. These include the Copper River Delta, a favorite spot of migratory birds and salmon, Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Knight and Montague island in Prince William Sound.

0035537-002

Many folks like me are concerned that without wilderness designation, motorized activities, heliskiing and proposed resorts will jeopardize the wild character of these lands.

0035539-001

I also urge that the following areas be recommended as wilderness areas: Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River); Kenai River Headwaters; the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region; Knight Island; Montague Island; Twentymile River Valley; Critical Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear Habitat.

0035540-001

1) Use a wilderness prescription for all those lands East of the Seward Highway that were previously recommended for wilderness under the 1984 plan. Including all USFS lands in both the Snow River and Nellie Juan watershed.

0035544-004

Finally, the road corridor to the headwaters of Snow River South Fork and beyond, toward Port Nellie Juan, should be taken out of the preferred alternative. Access rights to this inholding are already provided for in written agreements; the Forest Service should be protecting the public interest in the Forest Plan, not giving them away. Wilderness recommendations should include watershed numbers P593, P522, P536, and K279.

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0035544-008 3. Prince William Sound

College Fjord/Nellie Juan Wilderness & the Whittier Region: The entire wilderness Study Area (WSA) of the 1984 plan should remain in its current status, to be protected as Wilderness as originally intended with ANILCA. In its preferred alternative, the Forest Service should not have removed Nellie Juan River from the WSA since this watershed is a natural link between the Kenai and Prince William Sound.

Wilderness of the entire WSA is especially critical now that the state has developed the road to Whittier, opening an ecosystem still in recovery from the Exxon oil spill to a tenfold increase in visitors. Ignot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands should be recommended as Wilderness to prevent unnecessary human developments such as destination lodges and other tourism facility developments. Adjacent private and state lands in the region have proposed tourist developments.

Knight Island Passage is critical herring habitat, another species that is recovering from the oil spill and would benefit from Wilderness protections.

Montague Island. I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend all of Montague Island as Wilderness.

0035564-002

(2) Why is it that time & again forest plans isolate wilderness areas to Rock & Ice? Rock, Ice need little protection. Wilderness should be rightfully assigned to the places they were intended; bird, fish and wildlife habitat! A truly responsible forest plan would include more wilderness in the appropriate places; Kenai Peninsula, River estuaries old growth forests, Prince Wm. Sound Islands Like Lone, Knight, [Illegible] Perry, Naked, Green, Hinchinbrook. But perhaps most of all the Copper River Delta. I have seen most of these Rivers and the Chugach by air, and explorer some on the ground. They all deserve to be protected as wild or wilderness.

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0035604-001

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wilderness protections.

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.

KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight I is one of my favorite places in Prince William Sound. It is one of the few areas in the world that can be visited in a really pristine state. Please include it and the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands as wilderness.

RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. One of the most important purposes of wilderness is to provide people with a broad array of outdoor recreational opportunities & maintain scenic trails & vistas. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

0035619-001

As a professional forester and an Alaska resident I am appalled by increasing Wilderness designation in the Chugach National Forest. Federal bureaucracy and environmentalist incompetence is the greatest threat to this forest. I urge there be no additions to Wilderness designation.

0035634-001

If ALL the people want Wilderness Area, then keep everyone out of the area including skiers and all the trash they leave --

0035638-003

However, it is very important to us that there be large portions of diverse wooded and tundra-covered wilderness areas unaccessible by humankind at all, as well as designated wilderness in ecologically sensitive salmon streams and spawning areas, wetlands, migratory bird stopovers and breeding areas.

0035640-001

I would like to comment on the Chugach Forest Plan. Rather than delve into specifics, please let me just say I do not support any lands receiving a blanket wilderness designation.

0035644-001

I urge you to include the Copper River Delta, a world renowned place for migratory birds and salmon. Also consider the Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

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0035646-001

This is a gem of a Wilderness and needs to be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System, especially the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands.

0035647-004

Finally, it is widely known that there has been a well-organized and financed attempt to influence the public process by the national 'environmental' lobby and others from afar. As a result, literally tens of thousands of letters, faxes and e-mails have been submitted in support of wilderness on the Chugach. Those of us who live here simply do not have the resources or population to compete with this obvious attempt to dominate the public process. We recognize there are national interests with a stake in management of the Chugach, however, as the preeminent stakeholders, we have the most compelling interest in the outcome. We trust you will weigh the different interests in a fitting and fair manner.

0035649-003

I oppose wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta because of potential negative repercussions to the commercial salmon fishery.

I support wilderness designations on some uplands within western and central Prince William Sound, particularly Knight Island and Green Island.

I support wilderness designation for the Resurrection River valley and Resurrection trail.

Wilderness designation of the Resurrection Trail would protect existing recreation as well as brown bear habitat and caribou habitat. Wilderness management would be compatible with the adjoining National Wildlife Refuge management.

0035810-001

Although the Chugach plan has designated wild and wilderness area proposals, many critical areas are not protected. To be effective, the plan must address more of these critical areas, such as the Snow River area, Montague Island, Twenty Mile river valley, the Copper River Delta wetlands, the entire 1984 WSA plan, and Knight Island.

0035814-001

I strongly recommend that more Wilderness areas to be recommended across the Chugach National Forest to ensure the long-term health of critical watersheds, fisheries, wildlife corridors and staging areas.

The current proposed plan recommends that 65.2% of the wilderness areas be in regions that are rock, snow & ice, not the biologically diverse areas that need this type of protection.

0035816-003

Lands outside the Wilderness Study Area were studied and recommended for 'Wilderness' designation. Lands already designated 501(b) by Congress were recommended for 'Wilderness' Such studies and recommendations violate the 'no-more' clause of ANILCA (1326(b)).

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- 0035822-001 Please recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
- Wilderness is the most effective way to permanently protect the natural qualities of the Delta from potential impacts related to clear-cutting, coal mining, and oil and gas drilling on adjacent lands.
- Please also recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound, including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
- 0035825-001 please understand that Norquest continues our opposition to Wilderness designation for the Chugach National Forest and the Copper River Delta. We do not support the 501 B-2 classification. As I made clear in my prior letter, please reference it for further details.
- 0035899-002 Specifically, I believe you should recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:
- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
 - Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
 - Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twentymile, to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use.
- 0035901-001 I believe the proposed wilderness designations are woefully inadequate. Specifically:
- Copper River Delta: I believe all the delta wetlands east and west of the river, so important to wildlife, need wilderness designation.
- Wilderness designation should be given to ALL wild and scenic rivers within the Chugach, including the Katalla, Martin, Katalla, and Bering Rivers, the Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.
- Prince William Sound: The entire WSA, Jack and Sawmill Bays, and Knight and Montague Islands should be designated Wilderness, to help species recovering from the Valdez Oil Spill, and to protect the sound from intense development for tourism
- Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twenty Mile. All these areas need wilderness protection, to protect Brown Bear habitat and reduce motorized use
- 0035905-001
- I feel compelled as a concerned citizen to urge the protection of the many sensitive and pristine areas in the Chugach National Forest by designating them Wilderness. These areas include, but are not limited to, the readily accessible and heavily used Kenai and Twenty-mile rivers, the Copper River delta, and many other watersheds in the forest. Also of concern are the many areas and species within Prince William Sound that were heavily impacted by the Valdez oil spill.

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0035907-001

Unfortunately, the Forest Service's 'preferred' alternative falls short on Wilderness recommendations. Therefore I ask you, sir, directly to recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
- All wild and scenic rivers forest wide, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.
- Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
- Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River, and Twentymile, to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use.

0035908-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for 'ALL' of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, east and west of the river. This includes designating as wilderness the following areas in Prince William Sound: Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays. This would be a critical aid to the recovery of numerous species from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Further, please recommend wilderness designation for the following areas that are absolutely critical habitat for brown bears: Kenai River valley, Snow and Twenty-Mile River valleys, and Resurrection Creek.

0035910-001

It has been demonstrated that much of the wildlife, especially in the ocean, has already suffered from the toxic effects from the Exxon-Valdez disaster. So many organisms from salmon fry to grizzlies to waterfowl depend on clean water and land. The areas in the Kenai, Prince William Sound, and the Copper River drainage, as you well know, comprise a priceless resource that can provide resources and the jobs that depend on those resources. The protection that wilderness status provides seems very clearly to be the ultimate way to protect all this potential and realized benefit. Please do all possible to provide wilderness status to these areas.

0035911-001

As a citizen concerned with protecting our wildlife, I am urging you to designate more wilderness area in the Chugach Final Management Plan. In particular, please include the Copper River delta wetlands, all wild and scenic rivers, and the brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula.

0035912-001

- More wilderness should be recommended in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:
- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
- Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
- Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas, Snow River, and Twentymile, to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use.

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In particular, the wilderness designations should include, in the Copper River Delta, all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river. All of the major rivers should be designated wild and scenic, including the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

In Prince William Sound, the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays should be managed as wilderness areas, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

On the Kenai Peninsula, Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twentymile should be managed as wilderness areas, to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use.

0035921-001

I am concerned that the Chugach National Forest does not have Wilderness status. I urge you to designate it as such so that the almost roadless wilderness can remain so for future generations.

0035925-001

Please recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

- Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

0035927-001

The maximum amount of land should be designated as wilderness in the Chugach. This should include the very important area, the Copper River delta, the Prince William Sound, Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays, parts of the Kenai Peninsula.

0035928-001

I urge you to recommend more wilderness designation for the Chugach National Forest in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound and Copper River delta.

The areas specifically needing wilderness protection are:

- Prince William Sound: All existing Wilderness Study Areas, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays.

- Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twentymile.

- Copper River Delta: ALL delta wetlands.

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0035928-003

It is shocking to learn that 98% of the Chugach Forest is roadless and yet is not under Wilderness Designation. This forest is long over-due to have this protection.

0035929-001

Please recommend wilderness for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

-- Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, coal mining, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourism.

-- Wilderness would permanently protect the habitat of the famous wild copper River salmon, 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves of the Delta.

Please recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

Recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley. Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys.

0035929-002

Please recommend ALL eligible wild and scenic rivers on the Forest, including the Copper, Bering, Martin, and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

0035931-001

Therefore, more wilderness should be recommended in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

0035933-001

I am writing to ask that more wilderness be added to the Management plan of the Chugach National Forest. Specifically:

The Prince William Sound area in order to help recovery from the Exxon Valdez spill.

The Copper River Delta

The Kenai...Resurrection Creek, Snow River and Twentymile areas to aid in the protection of the brown bear.

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Alaska's Chugach National Forest should be protected. More wilderness should be recommended in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twentymile, to protect brown bears and their habitat and to reduce motorized use.

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Please recognize as wilderness all wetlands of the Copper River Delta (both east and west of the river); the Copper, Martin, Katalla and Bering Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes; Prince William Sound including Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays, and the current Wilderness Study area; and Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twentymile on the Kenai Peninsula.

Protection is especially needed in Prince William Sound to aid in the continuing recovery of species harmed by the Exxon Valdez oil spill and in the Kenai Peninsula to prevent further damage to brown bears and their habitat.

0035952-001

We the nationwide members of the Ecology Center of Southern California urge you to recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan specifically:

Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Prince William Sound: the entire existing WSA, Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help protect species recovering for the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Kenai Peninsula: Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Twentymile, to protect the brown bears and the habitat and to reduce motorized use.

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0035974-002

KENAI RIVER HEADWATERS (the Snow River area). Keep the headwaters pristine in the Snow River & South Fork Snow River with wild river & wilderness protections.

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. KNIGHT ISLAND. Knight is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The consequences of mining on island would add insult to injury. Please include the adjacent Ingot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, & Smith Islands in its wilderness recommendation for the same reasons.

RECREATIONAL WILDERNESS ON THE KENAI. One of the most important purposes of wilderness is to provide people with a broad array of outdoor recreational opportunities & maintain scenic trails & vistas. I recommend that a buffer for mountain hiking be placed along the Resurrection Pass Trail corridor in this recommended wilderness area.

0036005-001

I support the proposed Wilderness designations as shown in the preferred alternative, but more is needed. The following areas should be considered for Wilderness designation:

 The area east of Seward, Kenai Lake and Trail Lakes all the way to Prince William Sound, including the Snow River drainages.

 Montague and Knight Islands and the small islands north of Knight Island.

 The area southeast of the Copper River -- The Twentymile River Valley near Girdwood.

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My specific recommendations follow:

Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the river): Wilderness designation for the Delta wetlands would permanently protect the management intent of ANILCA (Section 501(b)), states that conservation shall be the 'primary purpose for management' of fisheries and wildlife habitat.

Wilderness recommendations should include watershed numbers P593, P522, P536, and K279.

Critical Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear Habitat: The proposed Brown Bear Core Area is not going to meet the management goal of reducing bear/human conflicts with the allowances of utility corridors, conditional commercial timber harvesting, summer helicopter landings, new roads and winter motorized recreation activities. I ask that the Forest Service modify this management prescription by changing these activities from a 'conditional' yes to 'no' or change the management prescription to Wilderness as the best option for bear habitat protection. Brown bears on the peninsula are in a precarious position due to declining habitat. The protection of these core areas may be critical for their continued survival.

The Resurrection Creek-Russian River area, in particular, should be changed to Wilderness.

Recreational Wilderness on the Kenai: The preferred alternative should reflect consensus by recommending Wilderness for the Resurrection Creek and River valleys, Seattle Creek, Quartz Creek and the Russian River area. I support a corridor concept along established trails, which would ensure continued mountain-bike and regulated snow-machine usage. The Resurrection Pass Trail area is a great choice for a recreational wilderness region and would provide protection for brown bears.

Seattle Creek is unique because it is the only unroaded coastline along Turnagain Arm.

College Fjord/Nellie Juan Wilderness & the Whittier Region: The entire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) of the 1984 plan should remain in its current status, to be protected as Wilderness as originally intended with ANILCA. in its preferred alternative

the Forest Service should not have removed Nellie Juan River from the WSA since this watershed is a natural link between the Kenai and Prince William Sound.

Knight Island. Knight Island is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. Spill research shows that the Orca pod (AB) of the Knight Island region has decreased dramatically and is listed as 'not recovering' since spill injuries. Additional species listed as such include the common loon, harbor seal, three species of cormorants, harlequin ducks and pigeon guillemots. I disagree with the Forest Service that 'favorable' minerals potential is a reason for not recommending the island. I understand the 'favorable mineral' is iron-ore, a commonly available mineral not worth much economically. The Forest Service should take into account the economic values

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of visitors (Knight is a favorite kayaking destination) and the important fish and wildlife habitat of the region. It is unlikely minerals would be developed here, yet should they be, the environmental consequences would add insult to injury. Knight Island Passage is critical herring habitat, another species that is recovering from the oil spill and would benefit from Wilderness protections.

Montague Island. I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend all of Montague Island as Wilderness.

Kenai River Headwaters (Snow River area). I strongly recommend this region be protected through Wilderness, which will help guarantee strong salmon runs and a strong local economy for years to come.

Twentymile River Valley. Wilderness designations would guarantee the region would not have future road development, whether for commercial logging or tourism.

0036023-001

I strongly recommend that more Wilderness areas to be recommended across the Chugach National Forest to ensure the long-term health of critical watersheds, fisheries, wildlife corridors and staging areas. The current proposed plan recommends that 65.2% of the wilderness areas be in regions that are rock, snow & ice, not the biologically diverse areas that need this type of protection. Many regions in the Chugach that are presently eligible for Wilderness or Wild River designations may never be eligible again in future plans because of potential roads & industrial development that now threaten these regions, it is therefore crucial that the Forest Service recommend these areas now.

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I also urge that the following areas be recommended as wilderness areas: Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River), Kenai River Headwaters, the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region, Knight Island, Montague Island, Twentymile River Valley, Critical Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear Habitat.

0036082-001

Although the Chugach plan has designated wild and wilderness area proposals, many critical areas are not protected. To be effective, the plan must address more of these critical areas, such as the Snow River area, Montague Island, Twenty Mile river valley, the Copper River Delta wetlands, the entire 1984 WSA plan, and Knight Island.

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Prince William Sound is in dire need of protection and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and I request a Wilderness designation for the entire Wilderness Study area, and for all of the following Islands: Knight, Montague, Ignot, Story, Naked, Peak, Eleanor, peak. Disk, and Smith, please have a Whittier-accessible wilderness to kayakers.

The Copper River Delta wetlands are another must to protect with a Wilderness designation for its fisheries and critical wildlife/bird habitat.

Turnagain Arm and the Twentymile River Valley is another area worthy of a Wilderness designation.

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However, it is very important to us that there be large portions of diverse wooded and tundra-covered wilderness areas unaccessible by humankind at all, as well as designated wilderness in ecologically sensitive salmon streams and spawning areas, wetlands, migratory bird stopovers and breeding areas.

0036168-001

I strongly recommend that more Wilderness areas to be recommended across the Chugach National Forest to ensure the long-term health of critical watersheds, fisheries, wildlife corridors and staging areas.

0036169-001

As a professional forester and an Alaska resident I am appalled by increasing Wilderness designation in the Chugach National Forest. Federal bureaucracy and environmentalist incompetence is the greatest threat to this forest. I urge there be no additions to Wilderness designation.

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the Kenai River Headwaters; the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier region including Ignot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk,

0036210-001

As a professional forester and an Alaska resident I am appalled by increasing Wilderness designation in the Chugach National Forest. Federal bureaucracy and environmentalist incompetence is the greatest threat to this forest. I urge there be no additions to Wilderness designation.

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I support Wilderness designation on the entire eastern portion of the Copper River Delta; large islands in Prince William Sound; and on the Kenai Peninsula. In the College Fjord/Nellie Juan/Whittier Region, the entire Wilderness Study Area of the 1984 plan should be protected as Wilderness,

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0036223-005 I was stunned to see no wilderness recommendations for the Kenai Peninsula. This region has been hardest hit with cumulative impacts. It has numerous populations that are isolated from the rest of Alaska, some of which are extremely sensitive to future management activities. Brown bears meet all the criteria used to list the grizzly in the Lower 48. Through telemetry studies, this population has been found to not travel off the peninsula. For the DEIS to state their isolation is 'uncertain' is misleading. If the Chugach really is the 'crown jewel' of the national forest system, then it deserves to be treated as such. I support wilderness across the forest, representing a diversity of habitat and ecosystems. Specifically, the preferred alternative should place recommended wilderness in the following areas: College Fjord/Nellie Juan (Wilderness Study Area); Big Islands to include Montague, Hinchinbrook, and Hawkins Islands; Resurrection Valley; Seattle Creek area; Snow River drainages; Russian Lakes & Primrose areas; Quartz Creek; Surprise Valley; Twentymile; and Copper River Delta (east Delta and Barrier Islands).

0036224-001 I ask you to please recommend inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System at least some of the most biologically rich areas within the Chugach National Forest you help manage. These include the Copper River Delta, a favorite spot of migratory birds and salmon. Resurrection Creek and River areas. Snow River, and Knight and Montague Island in Prince William Sound. Many folks like me are concerned that without wilderness designation, motorized activities, heliskiing and proposed resorts will jeopardize the wild character of these lands.

0036235-002

I live in Cordova and am taking time out of my busy day to urge the Forest Service to recommend to Congress that the Copper River Delta (Delta) and Prince William Sound (PWS) be designated as Wilderness.
Indeed, a
Wilderness designation would better protect the fish and their habitat and would better serve the commercial fishing community.

0036247-003

I urge you and your team to create more Wilderness Areas

0036249-001 I urge you to include the Copper River Delta, a world renowned place for migratory birds and salmon. Also consider the Resurrection Creek and River areas, Twentymile, Snow River, and Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound.

0036250-001

Please place a high priority on wilderness protection in your forest planning for Resurrection Creek and River areas,
Twentymile, Snow River, Knight Island, and Montague Island.

0036256-001

I would like to recommend wilderness for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

I would also like to recommend wilderness for important areas in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays to help species continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill and to protect the Sound from large-scale industrial tourism.

I recommend wilderness for all critical brown bear habitat on the Kenai Peninsula, the Kenai River valley, Resurrection Creek, Snow, and Twenty-Mile River valleys. I know there's a large amount of wild land in Alaska, but we must protect it and the wildlife we have.

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0036263-002 Please allow the Chugach National Forest wilderness to remain wild, peaceful and without the constant drone of man's motorized domination of the planet.

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Therefore I would like to take the opportunity to ask you to be [Illegible] protect the following areas as wilderness - The entire Copper River Delta, The Prince William Sound study areas. The important Kenai Peninsula Brown Bear habitats, and all other areas of the Chugach National Forest that the National wildlife Federation supports as wilderness.

0036324-013
Comment #8: The recommendations for new Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers violate the intent of the several 'No More' clauses of ANILCA, These proposed designations should not be implemented. The provisions of ANILCA supersede the NFMA, the Wilderness Act and the Wild and Scenic Rivers act as those acts apply to Alaska.

0036325-001 I respectfully request that the entire Copper River Delta be included and granted full protection in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Please prohibit logging, mining, roadbuilding, and development in this pristine area. Other areas such as Resurrection Creek and River, Twentymile, Snow River, along with Knight and Montague Islands in Prince William Sound all are deserving of wilderness protection considerations.

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I urge that each of the following areas, with acres be designated as wilderness, as located on the Chugach National Forest.

Go these areas and acres contain out standing wilderness attributes and of certain National significance.

- Recreation 235,000
- Boston Ban 56,000
- Johnson Pass 161,000
- Kenai Lake 223,000
- Kenai Mountains 322,000
- Twentymile 208,000
- [Illegible] 845,000
- Prince William Sound Dolands 127,000
- College Fund 1190,000
- [Illegible] 397,000
- Montague Island 216,000
- Hinchinbrook Hawkins Islands 160,000
- Copper River Wetlands 94,000
- [Illegible] Glacier 256,000
- Bering Lake 10,67,000
- [Illegible] River 439,000

To designate the Chugach National Forest wilderness of 6,841,000 acres.

0036573-004 Furthermore, as we look ahead into the future, Alaska has the precious resource of wild lands, rivers, and coasts that is the envy of the world. These wild lands will be of increasing value to tourism -- if not spoiled by clearcuts, coal or gravel mining, oil and gas development, or out-of-control mega-tourism. As well, these lands belong to all Americans and the public deserves the long-term vision for conservation that wilderness designation embodies.

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- 0036574-002 The Center for Marine Conservation (CMC) and our partners in the Alaska Ocean Wilderness Campaign and Coastal Coalition submit these comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Revised Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan Revision (Revised Forest Plan) for the Chugach National Forest.
- CMC's mission is to protect ocean ecosystems and conserve the global abundance and diversity of marine wildlife through science-based advocacy, research and public education. Headquartered in Washington, DC, CMC has regional offices in Alaska, California, Florida and Virginia and field offices in Maine, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz, California, and the Florida Keys. We are concerned that the preferred alternative neglects to contain enough areas as recommended wilderness in Prince William Sound or the Copper River Delta.
- 0036599-002 Besides being - miracle of miracles - still classified (98%) roadless, the Chugach is also one of the worlds last intact remaining rainforests. The wise men of vision elsewhere have not learned from the many mistakes of the industrialized world (etc). or our magnificent successes - exp. Here in the U.S. These regions of the Chugach and the enlightened millions, cryout and demand 'wilderness' protection.
- Before more misguided, greedy, or myopic developers 'manage' to rope / gut the Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound, and the Copper R. Delta (ETC); Note well, you for the good, alt F, which rec's W protection. Let's be true conservators, and spare these beautiful and precious places, 'from sea to [Illegible] sea' for your, our, posterity.
- 0036612-001 Kenai Peninsula: The Snow River area. Resurrection Creek-Russian River area, and Resurrection pass trail area needs to be recommended Wilderness areas.
- I spend time camping in these areas and Wilderness areas need to be present near populated areas to provide quality recreation opportunities and most importantly, quality brown bear habitat.
- Turnagain Arm: Please recommend the Twentymile River Valley as Wilderness and change the Twentymile River from scenic to wild. I support this area being closed to snowmachines in even years.
- Prince William Sound: Due to the new Whittier road, it is critical that Prince William Sound Be protected from resulting the impacts, especially since it is still recovering from the Exxon oil spill. The entire Wilderness study area should be recommended as Wilderness AGAIN. Knight, Montague, Ignot, Story, Naked, Eleanor, Peak, Disk, and Smith Islands should be recommended Wilderness areas. Hinchinbrook should be designated a wilderness area. Montague Island should be designated Wilderness or Backcountry non-motorized.
- 0036667-001 I strongly support a Wilderness designation in the eastern Copper River Delta (i.e., east of the Copper River Highway and Copper River) and other points to be discussed later.
- These species and many others are still recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil Spill.
- I support Wilderness designations for areas like Knight and Montague Islands, and Jack, Beartrap and Sawmill Bays.
- I recommend Wilderness designations for the all critical brown bear habitat in this region.

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0264200-001 I would like to recommend Wilderness designation for Chugach National Forest to protect it against logging and other destructive exploitation, specifically the following areas:

(including Copper River, Martin River, Bering River, Katalla River, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Berry Lakes.

Islands, and Jack & Sawmill Bays). This is particularly crucial, as area species are still attempting to recover from the Valdez oil spill.

River, Snow River, and Twentymile.

0265570-001

I am writing today to express my interest in having three key regions of Alaska's Chugach National Forest designated as wilderness areas in an effort to help protect the local genetic biodiversity:

Katalla Rivers, (b) Alaganik Slough, and (c) Martin & Bering Lakes;

Area, (b) Knight and Montague Islands, and (c) Jack and Sawmill Bays; and

Snow River and (c) Twentymile.