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Wild palmar are in trouble everywhere it seems please protect the copper river stock to a higher level with a wilderness designation.

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0004489-001 I spent several days in Aug' 99 visiting Child's Glacier & hiking on the trails in Chugach between the glacier & Cordoba. I would hate to see the Copper River Delta spoiled.

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0006960-002 Prevent the building the logging road, loading to clear cutting for a Korean company to more [Illegible].

0019780-001

0020869-001 Aug 9, 2000

Dear Rick

Please encourage the stopping of logging & mining plans and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

Thanks
Bill Rowe

0020870-001

I am very disappointed to find out that the U.S. forest service has backed off from it's plan to designate the eastern half of Alaska's Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

Creating this protected wilderness is the only way to protect it from oil drilling, clear cutting with haphazard roads, and tourism that will threaten the wildlife and Salmon in the area in fact the fishermen would be better protected by this plan than to have bits and pieces of areas protected while the problems of those areas, not protected, will encroach eventually on the protected areas.

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I am writing to urge that the Forest Service assign a Wilderness Designation to the Copper River Delta, including the invaluable wetland portion, and the western half of the delta. This will, among other things, permanently protect the Delta's salmon, which is Cordova's livelihood. It will also protect the livelihood of both commercial fishing families, as well as larger commercial fishing interests. There really is no 'down side' to protecting this entire delta area, including the wetlands. Furthermore, the vast majority of the public supports the conservation of the Delta's wilderness and wildlife.

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* Designate large portions of the Copper River Delta as Wilderness - not just the rock and ice areas. The long-term health of the Delta is extremely important for recreation, wildlife, shorebirds and fisheries;

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As we understand it, the most biologically valuable wetland acreage of the southeastern Copper River Delta wilderness has been removed from the draft plan.

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I firmly believe that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

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I strongly support the idea that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area so we can do as much as possible to preserve it.

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. In my Systems of the Earth class, my teacher, Mr. Watkins, brought up the subject about preserving the Copper River Delta. I think that this should definitely be designated a wilderness area for many years to come.

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Please recommend the designation of the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

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I urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area!

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. I agree with your position to help preserve the Copper River Delta and the surrounding Copper River basin. This area should be designated as a wilderness area only.

0022556-001

I am writing this letter as a personal request to do everything in your power to keep the Alaskan Copper River Delta wild and preserved forever. . Again please do everything in your power to get this area designated as a wilderness area as to give it the protection that it deserves.

0022558-001

Please support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

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I believe that the Copper River Delta should be saved, and protected as a wilderness area!

0022564-001

I am writing to show my support for designating the Copper River Delta as a wilderness to be protected by the Forest Service.

0022846-001

Please ensure immediate and lasting protection for the wildlife and wildlands of the globally important exceedingly diverse Copper River Delta, by protecting all wetlands as wilderness

0022848-001

I strongly urge thr Forest Service to designate ALL of the Copper River Delta as wilderness

0022851-001

Keep all the valuable Copper River area wilderness.

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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.

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I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River.

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

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Please consider keeping the delta as intact wilderness.

0022861-001

Please designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area to protect against needless development and exploitation.

0022863-001

I am writing to us the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for the critical areas of the Cooper River Delta

0022864-001

A wilderness area I think would help protect the Copper River Delta

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

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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.

0020883-001

It is difficult to believe that the forest service has reneged on its protection of the wilderness states of the eastern half of the Copper River Delta. The change is the protections of only the [Illegible] & ice of the south eastern Delta as you know, the wetland mosaic of the southeastern delta is the biological heart of the region. Please keeps the southeastern Delta as originally planned.

Gary Lehnhausen, We believe the southeastern delta is the heart of the Copper River Delta and should be kept pristine for all American, those now living need their children.

0020888-001

We urge the U.S. Forest Service to commit itself to preservation of the Copper River Delta wetlands by proposing wilderness status for the entire eastern portion of the Delta.

0020890-001

I urge the agency to seek wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Copper River delta.

0020892-001

I am writing today to strongly urge you to give wilderness protection to the wetland portion of the Copper River Delta (as well as the 'Rock and ice' portion).

0020893-001

I urge the Forest Service to stop logging and mining in the Copper River Delta and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0020895-001

Please take a stand to stop logging and mining plans for the Copper River Delta, and encourage a wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta. As you know, it is one of the largest intact wetlands in the country, a haven for brown bears, a migrating ground for millions of shorebirds, and the water path for an abundance of salmon.

The Copper River Delta is an ecosystem that cannot be duplicated. Mining and logging in this area would be an inexcusable pursuit of profit at the detriment of a precious environment.

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I am dismayed to hear about recent plans to log and mine in the Copper River Delta area, the largest intact wetland ecosystem on the entire Pacific coast of North America.

I urge you to work instead to create a protected designated wilderness area for as much of the region as possible. The National Forests are resources for all Americans. As one of the owners of these public lands, I vote for wilderness protection for the eastern half of Copper River Delta.

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Please help the Forest Service do everything possible to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0020900-001

I am writing this letter to you sir to implore you to try with all your might to stop the logging and mining plans for the Alaska Copper River Delta region. The Forest Service could pursue a path that would designate the eastern half of the beautiful and rich delta as a wilderness area.

0020902-001

I'm writing to ask you to declare the Copper River Delta a Wilderness Area. Immediate designation of the Copper River Delta as a Wilderness Area will insure it's protection, now & forever, from ever encroaching development.

0020904-001

Please stop the logging and the mining plans in the Copper River Delta.

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1. Coastal areas in the eastern half of the Copper River Delta should be included in the list of recommended wilderness areas.

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There is no question that the Copper River Delta must become a wilderness area as soon as possible.

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I ask that the Forest Service do everything in Its power to stop logging and mining plans for the Delta and to actively pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0020909-001

I am writing you to ask you to stop Strip Mines, Clear Cuts and Road Building in the Copper River Delta. If you stop Strip Mines, Clear Cuts and Road building you would protect fish and wildlife. Native Culture and Commercial Fishing. I want the Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the eastern Half of the Copper River Delta. Don't you think we should give back to the earth after it gave us so much without one thank you. SAVE THE EARTH. SAVE THE COPPER RIVER DELTA! Also economic analyses conclude the logging venture would not make any money.

0020911-001

1. Coastal areas in the eastern half of the Copper River Delta should be included in the list of recommended wilderness areas.

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Please pursue a course of action which would designate the eastern half of the Delta as wilderness.

0020916-001

It is very important to act now and preserve the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area and protect it from roads, strip-mining, oilrigs, and logging activities.

The Copper River Delta region is the largest intact wetlands ecosystem in the Pacific Northwest. It is home to over 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl species as well as the world famous Copper River Salmon and the endangered Dusky Canadian Geese. The region is also a very important habitat for Trumpeter Swans, wolf packs, moose, and brown bears.

Wilderness areas are essential to the protection of a Native hunting and fishing way of life.

Wilderness areas are also vital to the protection of our valuable land resources.

0020919-001

I am writing do voice my family's desire to save the Copper River Delta and preserve, or pursue, the wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

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We would like to express our support of wilderness designation of the Copper River Delta. This will protect an important wetland.

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- 0020928-001 I think the Copper River Delta should be wilderness
- 0020929-005 5) I don't share Cal Barker's 'vision of the district' that encourages commercial helicopter ventures (heli-hiking, heli-skiing) in Cordova and Valdez or anywhere else.
- 6) I favor Congressional designation of the Whittier area as Wilderness.
- 7) I'd like to see all of the Copper River flats in Wilderness,
- 0020933-001 I specifically request formal Wilderness designation for the entire Copper River Delta area as pan of this study, As you know, this piece of remaining natural wilderness represents some of the largest intact wetland ecosystems left on our continent. Its preservation is significant for survival] of many species under pressure, including moose, brown bear, wolves and wild salmon.
- 0020937-001
- Please offer the appropriate permanent wilderness protections for the wetland salmon habitat of our Copper River Delta. As a commercial fisherman. I make my living off the wild stock salmon runs of the Copper River. As a subsistence permit holder, my wife provides our family the years supply of salmon which feed our children, Should these currently healthy salmon runs be impacted.
- even slightly, by the hand of man's activities, a ripple effect will be felt throughout the entire community of Cordova,
- We are still recovering from the devastating blow of the 89 oil spill. If salmon habitat is protected permanently, my children's children can have the opportunity to stay and make a living in Cordova should they someday choose, Oil drilling rumors abound In recent days in Cordova, and that scares me. I Know Mr Baker would work to protect us From oil drilling the best he could, but as you know. oil is too powerful to fight. We know all to well that oil and water don't mix-and It kills fish-and wounds entire towns and villages.
- Please guarantee salmon fishing for generations to come and protect our home.
- Please make the Copper River Delta a wilderness.
- 0020938-001 Please have the forest service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta, Alaska. Please pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.
- 0020940-001 I urge the U. S. forest service to stick to its [Illegible] recommendation of wilderness status for half of Alaska's Copper River Delta, one of the most productive ecosystems in America's National Forests not already protected as wilderness.

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- 0020941-001 I heartily support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta!
- 0020942-001 . I am writing to ask that the U.S. Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.
- 0020944-001 I am writing to express my support for full wilderness protection of Alaska's Copper River Delta.
- 0020946-001 I want to express first of all my support for the Forest Service's original draft plan for the Chugach -- which called for nearly 2.3 million acres to be designated as wilderness. This proposal included 381,000 acres of vital southeastern Copper River Delta wetlands, home to a vast array of wildlife, and that includes a world-class intact salmon run.
- The new revised Chugach plan as proposed by the Service eliminates the 381,000 acres. Including this Delta wetland region in the wilderness proposal would further protect the Delta's resources by prohibiting commercial development and place some restrictions on regional access.
- I believe your Chugach revision knuckles under to local unfounded political pressures; for example, the fears held by some area residents and fishermen that wilderness designation would result in the phasing out of commercial fishing in the Delta.
- It is clear that your original proposal was carefully crafted to protect commercial fishing in the Delta.
- As you are aware, the vast majority of Cordova residents who commented on the Service's plan favor the original Delta wilderness proposal. The Forest Service must take into consideration not just the concerns of a few local citizens, albeit political powerful, but also the will of the majority of the American people. Most Americans support including the Delta as wilderness.
- Wilderness is only means to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clearcutting, mining, and unnecessary oil development. It also protects critical brown bear foraging habitat and the still recovering Prince William Sound wilderness study area, I urge you to revise your plans to include once again at least the 381,000 acres of the Copper River Delta included in the original proposal.
- 0020948-001 I am writing to urge your assistance in protecting the Copper River Delta region, one of the largest unspoiled wetlands in the country.
- One solution would be to pursue. Wilderness status for the area, especially the eastern portion, and I urge you to do so for the long-term benefit of all of us.
- 0020951-001 I strongly support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta , particularly the biologically essential southeastern quarter of the Delta management area.

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- 0020960-001 We are writing to ask your help in protecting the Copper River Delta by having it declared a wilderness area. The largest wetlands complex on the plant coast. It is one of the most important Shorebird habitat in the western hemisphere and critically important for nesting [Illegible] Canada [Illegible] plus [Illegible] the world largest population of sea otters.
- 0020964-001 I am writing to give my support to the recommendation of the national wildlife [Illegible] to make the Copper River Delta a wilderness area forevermore. Having visited Alaska in 1989 and again in 1990, I hoped then and hope now that the beautiful state will not be spoiled by over-development; roadways, mining, and logging, especially in such areas as the Copper River Delta. Please do what you can to see that this over development does not spoil Alaska's wilderness areas.
- 0020967-001 Isn't part of your job protection the fish and wildlife? How then are you even contemplating allowing Chugach Alaska Corp. to build a road through the Copper River Delta. This road (I'm sure you are aware) will severely degrade salmon habitat. It will also affect the lives of all other species in the area. Mr. Caplan, lets do something for the wildlife for a change. Oppose the road and declare the Delta a wilderness area.
- 0020968-001 I'm writing & ask that you do everything in your power to stop CAE's proposed road. [Illegible] designate the Delta as a wilderness. [Illegible] that road would only cause irreplaceable to your beautiful state.
- 0020971-001 I fervently urge you to recommend declaration of the entire delta as a wilderness area to offer the fullest amount of protection as possible
- The pressure of development continues to increase in all areas of the country. While the immediate threat may seem remote to the Copper River Delta, with the exception of natural resource development, the time to act is now,
- I urge you to take all necessary measures to prevent an identical fate from occurring to the magnificent Copper River Delta.
- 0020972-001 I am writing to you regarding Alaska's Copper River Delta. I implore you and the US Forest Service to do everything you can to declare the delta a wilderness area in order to protect it from encroaching development.
- The 700,000-acre Copper River Delta is the largest wetlands complex on the Pacific coast, ft is one of the most important shorebird habitats in the Western Hemisphere. It is home to the world's largest concentrations of sea otters, beavers, nesting trumpeter swans, and dusky Canada geese. The delta is an absolutely beautiful area and it is a valuable home land to so many animals.
- Please do not let it fall victim to urbanization and modern development. Please help to protect it and declare the delta a wilderness area.
- 0020973-001 In the evolving Chugach Forest land management plan, I was disappointed to see that virtually no land in the Copper River delta has been recommended for designation under the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- Why not? Public preferences suggest that habitat protection outweigh land development activities in the delta, and considering the huge value of the area's sockeye salmon resource, protection of the salmon (and bird) habitat, along with Native American values, should dominate other forms of resource extraction. I urge you to consider most if not all of the delta (outside of the few existing road corridors) for wilderness protection.

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0020977-001

I am concerned about the plans by the Chugach Alaska Corp. to build a road through the heart of the Copper River Delta. It would significantly degrade habitat for salmon and hundreds of other species. I would like the National Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop CAC's proposed road and to designate the Delta as a wilderness,

0020980-001

Some of the nations most magnificent and highly prized salmon runs occur in Alaskans Copper River Delta. Chugach Alaska Corp. has proposed to build a road through the heart of the Delta, which would significantly degrade habitat for salmon and hundreds of other species. I am writing to say that I want the National Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop CAC's proposed road and to designate the Delta as a wilderness.

0020981-001

Like many other supporters of our nation's salmon, I am writing to ask you and the National Forest Service to do everything you possibly can to halt the Chugach Alaska Corporation's proposed road (which would negatively impact that habitat for salmon and hundreds of other species) and to officially designate the Delta as a wilderness.

0020983-001

can you help make the National Forest Service do the right thing and stop the Chugach Alaska Corporation from building a road through the heat of the Copper River Delta? It would be so much better if the Delta was given the little of 'Wilderness Area'. As a tourist from Georgia I'd really like to see this area protected.

0020984-001

Some of the nation's most magnificent and highly prized salmon runs occur in the Copper River Delta. Chugach Alaska Corporation has decided to build a road in the heart of this delta. This would significantly degrade the habitat for salmon and many other species.

I URGE you, sir, to mobilize all the resources of the National Forest Service at your disposal to stop this. The Copper River delta area is a treasured natural resource and should be designated as a wilderness area. It certainly should be protected from commercially driven road building. This area should NOT be exploited by the special interests of a private corporation.

0020985-001

I am writing you out of dismay over a proposed road through the heart of the Copper River Delta by Chugach Alaska Corp.

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.

This proposed road would significantly degrade habitat for salmon and hundreds of other species. This wildlife and wilderness is Alaska's greatest treasure, what makes it stand out from most other states, and should not be harmed in any way. I am extremely concerned that such an environmentally destructive project is even being considered, and I want the National Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop Chugach Alaska Corp.'s proposed road and designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0020986-001

To read that Chugach Alaska Corp. [Illegible] to build a road through it is distressing. As a forester of the National Forest Service please encourage the service to do everything in its to stop the building of that road. The Delta should be designated as a wilderness. As a tourist observing so many other tourists, it would seem that a great deal of Alaska's economy is based on tourism. Do away with the natural beauties of Alaska, and the tourists won't go. I also support the [Illegible] removals on the [Illegible] River in eastern Washington, which seems to be the best way of saving the salmon and steelhead in the entire area. Please lend your support & the protection of our environment.

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0020994-001 I strongly urge you to protect the Copper River Delta by doing everything in your power to stop the planned 55 mile road for clear cutting 8000! acres of virgin rainforest in order to allow a Korean company to mine the coal beneath which means stop the logging & mining and fight for the wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta!

0020999-001 Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, mining, oil drilling and commercial development. Please include the southeastern section in the proposal.

0021001-001

I urge that wilderness protection be designated for the wetland portion of the Copper River Delta, not limiting this protection to the Delta's 'rock and ice' portion.

0021005-001 Please do everything you can to prevent the logging and mining plans and instead pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021006-001 The Copper River Delta is among such treasures. Please do all that you can to preserve such a wondrous place by halting logging and mining plans there.

0021007-001

I write to you to urge the forest service to do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021015-002 We strongly urge you to keep the wilderness recommendations in the eastern portion of the Copper River area in the draft preferred alternative.

0021019-001

In my opinion, this Delta region should be designated as a wilderness.

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0021023-001

Coastal areas and wetlands in the eastern half of the Copper River Delta definitely should be added.

to your agency's list of recommended wilderness areas.

0021029-001

I ask that the forest service do all it can to stop logging and mining please in your area and elsewhere. Also please pursue wilderness designation in the eastern half of the Delta.

0021030-001

The U.S. forest service has a duty to protect our forests and wild places from being decimated by the lumbermans AX. Today we are asking you to designate the eastern half of the Delta as a wilderness area mining and oil drilling and clear-cut logging must be sharply curtailed and even eliminated.

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We need to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

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0021036-001

I am writing specifically about the threat of logging and mining in the Copper River Delta in Alaska. I urge you to do everything necessary to prevent logging and mining there; also to accomplish wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

0021037-001

Please do all you can to protect the Copper River Delta from roads, mining, logging, oil exploration, and so on.

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0021038-001

I am asking that the Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta, and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

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I urge the Forest Service to take every possible step to halt logging and mining plans for the Copper River Delta; and to maintain its pristine habitat values by designating the eastern half of the delta as wilderness.

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I strongly request wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest. The Forest Service must do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in this area and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta,

0021042-001

I am writing to request that you encourage the Forest Service to stop logging & mining plans in the Copper River Delta. Please pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta. This letter is being written in the [Illegible] of request for that which we were given to use wisely.

0021043-001

I have learned that the Copper River Delta is in danger of being destroyed. I ask that the Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans here and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta

0021044-002

Please use your influence to stop the logging and mining plans and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta. These wild places need protection and nurturing to survive, and you are in a position to voice that concern,
Sincerely,

0021045-001

Please work to designate the Copper River Delta a 'Wilderness'. Please see that there is no logging or mining in this gorgeous area. I want areas like this left natural

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I urge you to help protect the Copper River Delta by stopping logging and mining plans here, and by pursuing wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta. If the delta is not protected,

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I urge you to help protect the Copper River Delta by stopping logging and mining plans here, and by pursuing wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021050-001

I am writing to (et you know that I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

To delete the wetlands area from this designation is wrong.

0021051-001

Please,
please please! have the Forest Service stop the logging and mining plans in the 'Copper River Delta'. and lets get the eastern half of the Delta. designated wilderness.

0021053-001

The eastern part of the deltas qualifies for wilderness designation and you are urged to lend you support for this designation.

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PURSUE WILDERNESS DESIGNATION
FOR THE EASTERN HALF OF THE DELTA. IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO,

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I urge you, Mr. Cables, and the Forest Service to do all that is possible to prevent logging and mining in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the area.

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I urge your efforts be extended - as a steward of our natural resources - to obtain a wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

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stop the logging and mining plans on the Copper River Delta. let's work towards preserving and protecting this country's sacred wilderness.

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- 0021059-001 I am writing to you on behalf of the Sierra Club in regard to the proposed development of mines and logging activity in the Copper River Delta. I implore you to oppose, along with the rest of the Forest Service, Chugach Alaska's plans to build a road and clearcut rainforest so it can mine coal in the delta, which is one of the richest spots for biodiversity in the world. The proposed 55 mile-long logging road would cut over 250 waterways in the area. I urge you to support the federal government's initiative to buy development rights from Chugach Alaska and give the eastern half of the delta wilderness designation so it may be protected from further exploitation in the future.
- 0021063-001
- I urge you to protect the Copper River Delta, the largest intact wetland ecosystem left on the Pacific Coast of North America, The Delta is habitat for 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, as well as moose, brown bears, wolves, and wild salmon. In order to protect the Delta, the Forest Service needs to do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.
- 0021064-001
- Please help protect the Copper River Delta by doing everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans. It is vital for the eastern half of the delta to be designated as wilderness.
- 0021065-001
- I encourage the Forest Service to review its preferred alternatives and grant the Copper River Delta wilderness status that will protect the state's valuable wildlife and fisheries resources for all Alaskans.
- 0021068-001
- I am writing to request that the Forest Service do everything in its power to preserve the Copper River Delta. . I urge you (o try to follow the suggestions of the Copper River Delta Coalition and push for me federal government to buy out Chugach Alaska development rights. I would mink mat such an option could request funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in order to pay for buying out the development rights. Apparently, it doesn't seem like the logging and mining would even make much money and that seems like a waste considering the pricelessness of what would be lost. It also seems like that even if roads were built, they would be subject to the constant fluctuations of the land and require that a lot of money be spent on upkeep, Please do everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans and pursue wilderness designation for the Delta.
- 0021069-001
- I support the wilderness designation for the COPPER RIVER DELTA, particularly the biologically essential southeastern quarter of the Delta management area.

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0021076-001 I am writing you to support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta. A wilderness designation would help preserve one of the most important wetland ecosystems. I am very concerned about this issue because if these wetlands are most properly preserved the land will be destroyed. If the land is destroyed it will cause the 16 million shorebirds and water fowl, brown bears, and wolves to look elsewhere to live. Wilderness designation is also the only way to protect the Delta from poorly planned roads, clear cutting, mining, and industrial tourism. The destroying of the Delta is just a stepping stone. The destroying of the Delta will lead to other wetlands devastation. I urge you to support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta. I look forward to hearing a response on where you stand.

0021078-001

This letter is to protest the plans of Chugach Alaska Native Corporation to build a road through virgin rainforest and allow a Korean company to mine coal beneath its holdings. Evidently economic analyses conclude this would not be a money-making proposition for Chugach Alaska, and it will only benefit profit-seeking foreigners.

The key word in Alaska is 'exploitation', and unfortunately this has been the history of Alaska's development. Please don't allow this to happen to the Copper River Delta. Thank you.

0021079-001

Please tell the Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop logging & mining plans here and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021083-001

I am writing to say I want full protection for the Delta that means 'Wilderness States' there has been too much destruction of land, water and fish / mammals / and animals.

0021086-001

I wish to mention that I support designation for the Copper River Delta. Designator would protect one of the most important wetland ecosystem of the whole Forest Service base. The Chugach is a National Forest should be treated with respect, instead of with [Illegible]. Keep the Chugach & wilderness, don't let developers with it. San Gale

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Recommend that the forest service work to prevent logging and mining in the Copper River Delta. Recommend working for wilderness designation for the east half of the Delta.

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. Specifically my letter is to object to the U.S. Forest service [Illegible] on its earlier stand to protect 2.3 million acres of wilderness in the Copper River area, [Illegible] viable areas of wetlands. Excluding the southeastern Delta from protection [Illegible] Forest services action nearly negligible. ; Alaskans need support of their Chugach National Forest.

0021100-001

I am writing to express my support for the Copper River Delta receiving wilderness designation.

0021102-001

the Copper River and Delta must be designated wilderness now and for forever.

0021104-001

I wish you to support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, particularly the biologically essential southeastern quarter of the Delta management area.

0021105-001

I urge you to do everything in your power to protect the Copper River Delta by including it in the U.S. Wilderness Lands,

0021108-001

We ask you and the Forest Service to do your best to prevent development of this region, and to promote the designation of at least the eastern portion of the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0021110-001

We are writing in support of the Sierra Club's campaign to protect the Copper River Delta and ask that you do everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans in this sensitive and spectacular region. We were concerned to read in a recent Sierra Club magazine that the population of harbor seals, trumpeter swans, bear, and wolves is at risk from proposed development. We hope that the government will be able to find a way to work with local populations to grant wildlife designation for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

0021111-001

As an employee of the public you serve, I demand that you step forward and to do everything in your power to stop logging and mining in the Copper River Delta!

I urge you to go forth from this moment and with all your energies do all you can to bring wilderness designation at least for the eastern half of this marvelous delta. Salmon and Grizzly Bear are just specks of their previous range.

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0021115-001 I urge you to take steps to actively protect the Copper River Delta, Specifically, I want the Forest Service to stop road-building, mining, and commercial logging in this region of the Chugach National Forest, and to push for wilderness designation for the undeveloped areas of the Forest, especially in the eastern section of the Delta.
I ask you
to use your mandates to end any road construction in the Delta. . Second, I ask
you to be far-sighted enough to call for wilderness designation.

0021117-001

I feel that any bridge on roadway through the beautiful
Copper River Delta is abhorrent. Please do all
you can to preserve the Copper River Delta in its present conditions.

0021119-001

With regard to the Copper River
Delta, the Forest Service must do everything it can to stop logging and
mining plans in this amazing place. The second thing that must be done
is to grant wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021121-001

0021122-001 Please do everything in your power to keep the Copper River Delta
a true wild place (not many of those left). It would not be the
same with the proposed road/clear cut, mining.

0021124-001

Please protect the Copper River Delta from mining and logging and protect all of
its roadless areas as wilderness,

0021126-001 re: Copper River Delta Att; Rick Fabbs I am requesting that the Forest
Service do everything that its can to: 1. Stop logging & mining plans
in the Copper River Delta. 2. Pursue wilderness designation for the eastern
half of the Delta.

0021129-001

I am writing to ask that you help protect the Copper River Delta
by asking the Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop
logging and mining plans there and to pursue wilderness designation
for the eastern half of the delta.

0021130-001

Please do all in your power to keep the
Copper River Delta wild until it can be formally protected as
wilderness.

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0021131-001 :

I am writing as a concerned citizen of this beautiful country, to ask that you do everything in your power to protect the Copper River Delta. As you probably know, the environmental organization American Rivers, ranks the Copper the 4th most endangered river in the U.S. , due to Chugach Alaska's proposed 55-mile logging road. Please stop mining plans here and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of this delta.

0021132-001

I am writing to you to ask you and the forest service to do everything possible to stop mining & logging plans in the Copper River Delta. I would also like to see the eastern half of the Delta designated as wilderness area.

0021134-001

Because of the outstanding value of the Copper River Delta to wildlife and its' wilderness characteristics, I support the designation of the delta as wilderness.

0021135-001

I am writing because I would like to see the Copper River Delta receive designation as an official Wilderness area, off limits to road building, logging, mining and other environmentally destructive activities. Please put an end to plans for logging and mining operations in the Copper River Delta,

0021136-001

I believe that the Forest that the Forest Service should do everything in its power to stop logging and mining in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern and western parts of the Copper River Delta.

0021137-001

Please have the Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging & mining plans in the Copper River Delta & pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021139-002

I also ask that you try to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021141-001

We are writing to give our support for designating the Copper River Delta wilderness.

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0021141-002 Ms. Elise Wolf
Mr. Whitney Lowe
William and Georgia Scott
Brady and Kathy Smith Bedsworth
237 NW St. Helens
Bend, OR 97701
July 5, 2000

Dave Gibbons, Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service
3301 C St. Ste. 300
Anchorage, AK 99503

July 5, 2000

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

We are writing to give our support for designating the Copper River Delta wilderness.

As a previous resident of Alaska for over 30 years, my family has traveled throughout the state. The Copper River Delta has to be one of the most beautiful and biologically rich areas we have ever experienced. This area is home to an enormous number of birds; its wetland status is clearly unique in the northwest pacific.

Moose, bear, wolves, eagles, otters, even seals use this rich inland waterway and habitat. There simply is no place like it in the United States or Canada for that matter. It is the northwest's Everglades. Why we have not already permanently protected this phenomenal ecosystem is beyond me.

Another reason and perhaps more of an economic one is this regions fishing industry. As wild salmon spawning streams and rivers become increasingly wasted with logging and mining run-off, this area becomes even more critical to the long-term health of our salmon in Alaska.

In Oregon where we reside now, we pay close to \$10.00 a pound for Copper River salmon. We do it because we know it is the elite of the salmon fishery, it is the creme of the crop so to speak in terms of salmon. Admittedly, we are spoiled when it comes to salmon - only the best will do. Financially, we are guessing but it must bring in at least several million dollars a year to the Alaska. Preserving this rich fishery should be a priority.

The Chugach National Forest has long been ignored as an important and beautifully diverse area. It houses some of the most unique ecosystems in Alaska: the Prince William Sound, the Kenai Peninsula, and the Copper River. It needs protection. Strip mining, logging, oil rigs, and roads do not belong in this region. Tourism and fishing are perfect for these areas as they cause the least harm and are traditional for the areas.

We know the Chugach, we lived on its foothills, fished its streams and rivers, boated its waterways, and hunted its game. Elise Wolf has flown over the Sound and seen the devastation caused by logging - the silt and run-off, the muddied streams, the wasted logs. We have seen what mining has done to the Alaska Range. This is not what would be good for the Copper River Delta.

Please work to protect this unique ecosystem - there is not and never will be another like it.

Thank you,

Elise and Whitney Lowe
William and Georgia Scott

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Brady and Kathy Smith Bedsworth

0021143-001

I urge your to do everything possible as regional forest forester of the U.S. Forest Service to halt logging and mining plans for the Copper River Delta. Also please proceed to obtain wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021144-001

The following attachment is a list of citizens who are extremely disappointed the Copper River Delta is not Wilderness and recommend the entire Delta as Wilderness because;

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0021146-001

I write to express my strong desire to protect our national wilderness areas. In particular. I am eager to protect the Copper River Delta for generation, to come. I urge you to expand the land, given permanent wilderness protections to include all of the delta.

0021148-001

Please keep the Copper River Delta be [Illegible] & wilderness.

0021149-001

The Copper River Delta must be made a wilderness area to protect it from encroaching development.

0021150-001

I read the article on 'Copper River Delta' in Apr/May issue of national wildlife federation of which I am a member. I support an action to declare this a 'Wilderness area,'

0021157-001

Chugach Alaska Corp. has proposed to build a road through the heart of the delta, which would significantly degrade habitat for salmon and hundreds of other species. we want the national Forest Service to do everything in the power to stop CAC's proposed road and to designate the delta as a wilderness.

0021159-001

I want the national Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop CAC's proposed road and to designate the delta as a wilderness.

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0021161-001

I am writing to encourage the Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop logging and mining in the Copper River Delta. I believe that this area would greatly benefit from wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021163-001

I am writing is concern of the Copper River Delta. You see, the Chugach Alaska corporation is planning to build a 55-mile road to clear-cut 8,000 acres of virgin forest. They their plan to allow a Korean company to mine the coal underneath. Ninety years ago, Theodore Roosevelt stopped a similar plan. Unfortunately, his protection didn't last In 1982, Chugach Alaska selected 73,000 acres of the delta in the Chugach National forest. Their land is landlocked, however, by the national forest. This means that, were their venture to go through, the national forest would be in jeopardy. For they logging venture to go through, there would be enormous environmental repositions. The road to the logging site would go over 250 waterways, harming the ecosystem from the water out. For these reasons, I urge that the Forest Service does everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans on the Copper River Delta. I also ask that a wilderness designation is perused for the eastern half of the delta.

0021164-001

I am opposed to logging and mining plans for the Copper River Delta. I certainly support pursuit of wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021167-001

Why is their even a question of preserving this area? Look around at the fragile and destruction already, especially in [Illegible] and you won't hesitate to [Illegible] a decision. We must decide in a Wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta including the wetlands ! This decision will not come back to haunt you. Thank you for your attention and your right decision.

0021168-001

For be it from me to quote to you facts and figures you know so well; or to debate politically with you. I wanted simply to tell you that I am praying for you in the midst of the immense questions you for concerning the Copper River Delta. My own opinion is that 'wilderness designation' will allow the Copper River to nourish all living beings especially people - for centuries to come. But you've doubtlessly heard plenty of opinion in letters like this one. I simply wish that your find Courage, vision, and faith in the cause of your work. Please pray a lot, so that you may discovers the right thing to do, the right fight to ways. Stphen Majoros

0021169-001

Please do everything in your power to stop logging & mining planes here & to pursue wilderness designations for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

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0021170-001

I would strongly encourage the Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans on the Copper River Delta.

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0021173-001

I favor, habitat protection for the entire Copper River Delta, the largest intact wetland is so important to the well being of waterfowl, shorebirds, wolves, wild salmon, brown bears, moose and other species. The plan to build a logging road through a pristine area is unnecessary, as projections find that logging would not be profitable. I think that the forest service should find other ways to prevent the logging, possible mining or other destructure practices in the Copper River Delta. Since harbor seals use the Delta, and their numbers are very low, it is imperative that the delta, be protected. I favor wilderness designation for the eastern half of Copper River Delta and protection for the remainder of the delta also. Please suggest economically feasible ways to assist the nature corporation to make a letter choice for the use of their lands. Alaska is too beautiful to destroyed

0021174-001

I am writing a brief letter to encourage you to everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans on the Copper River Delta. Please also encourage wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021175-001

I have just read a terrific article about a 4-day kayak journey on the Copper River and it made me want to pack a bag and start paddling - may be someday, it just seems like another world and from what I understand, one that needs all of the protection we can muster. I know you good people of the Forest Service have your hands more than full even on a 'good day' if there are any in today's world. I pray you will find in possible to protect in all ways the unique territory your service. The people of this country, the world and, most especially the millions of animals who depend on you.

0021177-001

I'm writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed road building in the chugach national forest. It is my understanding that this road would allow chugach Alaska to log and mine some of its adjacent property. I have read that the Copper River Delta is the spring stopover for over 16 million migrating shorebirds and a waterway for millions of salmon. With this in mind, I would urge the federal government to buy development rights from chugach Alaska and provide wilderness status for the eastern half of the delta.

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0021178-001 I hope you can do something to stop logging and mining. Please here (on Copper River Delta), also, you could pursue wilderness designation on the eastern half of the delta.

0021179-001 Please have the Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021180-001 Please help the Forest Service do everything its power to stop logging & mining plans in the Copper River Delta & [Illegible] the eastern half a wilderness designation,

0021181-001 I have lived in Colorado for forty years and I have seen how developers, however companies, and mining companies have little by little damaged and destroyed so much of the national Forests. Do not let it happen in Alaska. It is the only place where it is still valid and mostly undeveloped. Please do whatever you can to protect the Copper River Delta. I have seen what clear cutting has done in other places. Washington state, and New Zealand are places that [Illegible] [Illegible] into my mind. Logging can destroy the earth, pollute earth and eradicate wild life. Then to think of mining coal [Illegible] valley unthinkable. I personally know hundreds of people who are conservationist, they may not white, but everyone of them is in agreement with me. Please do your very best to give this area wilderness designation. It seems the only way to save large areas of our national Forests.

0021184-001 I am writing to urge you as Regional Forester to do everything possible to stop the logging and mining plans for the Copper River Delta. The eastern half of the Delta needs wilderness designation. As you know, this Delta is one of the largest intact wetlands in the country. The Copper River is a major Alaskan River which provides a spring stop over for over 16 million migrating shore birds. The huge Salmon population would be threatened. Economic analyses has already concluded that logging venture is not profitable.

0021185-001 I am strongly and urgently requesting that the Forest Service do everything in its power to stay logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021186-001 I am writing to inspire you to insist that the Forest Service does everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta area. The Forest Service must pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

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0021187-001

The U.S. Forest Service must do everything in it's power to stop logging and mining plans and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

0021188-001

I urge you to use your influence in any way you can to halt logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta. Destruction of any wilderness area in our country is a signal to commercial interests that they are in control and can move on to their next project. I write to you for the sake of my children and grandchildren and all Americans of good will.

0021190-001

I would appreciate your assistance in guiding the Forest Service to do everything under your power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021191-001

Please will you do all you can to stop logging and mining plans and pursue wilderness plans for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta. My husband and I lived on Annette Island from 1950 - 1952 where he flew for the U.S. Coast Guard and we developed a great fondness for Alaska. We hate to see it spoiled as so much has been. Since it is a little more remote may be we can help keep it for future generations. Thank your for your interest, Mrs. D. M. Beed

0021192-001

Please help protect the Copper River Delta by stopping logging and mining plans and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.
Thank you.

0021193-001

The Copper River Delta is a national treasure. I urge you to do everything in your power to stop logging & mining [Illegible] and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta. We must start thinking about what we are leaving for future generations.

0021194-001

, Having heard of plans by the Alaska regional corporation Chugach Alaska, to construct a 55 mile access road across the Chugach National Forest, we are urging you & the forest service to instead propose wilderness designation for the Copper/Rude & Copper River / Bering River portions of the Chugach National Forest. The proposed road is in conflict with sec, 501(6) of the Alaska National Interest lands conservation acts where it states, 'that the conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitat shall be the primary purpose for management of the Copper/Rock River addition and the Copper River - Bering river portion of the existing Chugach National Forest...' Congress had recognized the fish, wildlife superlatives of this area twenty years ago, So we urge the Forest Service not grant approval for the road. In addition, we urge the Forest Service or other federal agency to purchase conservation casements on Chugach Alaska's land to prevent logging & mining of this pristine area. Again, we urge you to promptly pursue efforts in protecting this beautiful area. From industrialization.

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0021196-001 I hope that the Forest Service will do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans for the Copper River Delta and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta - maybe the federal Govt could buy development rights from Chugach Alaska

0021199-001
I strongly urge you to do everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021200-001
I understand there is a problem in the Copper River Delta due to logging and mining plans could you pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021201-001 I am writing because I would like the forest service to do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

0021202-001
I am writing to ask you to help protect the Copper River Delta. Can you help stop the logging and mining plans and try to designate this area as wilderness?

0021204-001
Please do everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta. Please pursue wilderness designations for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021205-001
I want the U.S. Forest Service to do all it can to protect the Copper River Delta. Please stop the logging and mining companies from building road into this wilderness area.

0021208-001 I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, including the southeastern quarter.

0021214-001
We support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

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0021217-001

I am writing to urge you to reconsider certain elements of the FS draft Chugach management plan to include the Copper River Delta, especially the southeast quarter, designated as wilderness. Protecting the delta means protecting the entire ecosystem, and everyone gains, not just one locality. It's a national forest, the Chugach is. Please make the delta fill wilderness.

0021218-001

I am writing to ask you to support the Forest Service in doing everything possible to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta. Please pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021220-001

I propose that the U.S. Forest Service stick to its eastern recommendation of wilderness states for half of Alaska's Copper River Delta

0021224-001

I want to go on record as supporting wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta.

0021227-001

We support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta especially the southeastern quarter of the Delta area. It is a national forest and all united states citizens are interested in how it to managed. We need wilderness designation to protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the forest service land that's host to Copper River Salmon shorebirds, waterfowl and brown bear and wolves.

0021229-001

In the interest of preserving and protecting the Copper River Delta, please do every thing possible to stop mining and logging plans for the Delta. Peruse wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta. Thank you for your efforts, Lorraine Ellis

0021235-001

I urge you to use your influence to prevent the construction of a road through the Copper River Delta. I would also like to see this area designated as a wilderness.

0021238-001

We are [Illegible] as U.S. citizen to urge the Forest Service to make the Copper River Delta a designated wilderness area!

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0021242-001 The entire Copper River, Delta area should be left as a forever wilderness haven for wildlife.

0021246-001 'I am uring the Forest Service to do everything they can to make the Copper River Deltas Area wildernessThis area needs wilderness designation.

0021249-001 I suggest that the Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021251-001 I am writing in support of the protection & conservation of the Copper River Delta. Please do whatever it takes to stop the logging & mining plans, & pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021252-001 The Copper River Delta needs to be protected with wilderness status. . Not timber and mining companies profits.

0021253-001 It is my wish, hope, prayer that the Forest Service will not allow logging and mining in this area. Surely its value as wilderness as outweighs its commercial value

0021254-001 I support the recommendation of wilderness status for Copper River Delta.

0021268-001 I urge you to declare the 700,000 acre Copper River Delta in Alaska a wilderness area, and protect it from encroaching development.

0021270-001 I would like to see the Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans here and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

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0021271-001

I am writing to urge you to do everything in your power to stop the logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta, and to please also work to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021272-001

I urge the Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta. Designating the area as a wilderness area

0021273-001

Please protect the Copper River Delta. The Forest Service should do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans here and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021274-001

I would love to see the Forest Service to do absolutely everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021275-001

Please reconsider and designate the Copper River Delta as wilderness in the Chugach National Forest Management Plan.

0021276-001

I am writing to urge you and the Forest Service to declare the Copper River Delta a wilderness area!

0021277-001

I am writing this to let you know I want the 700,000 acre Copper River Delta area in Alaska to be declared a wilderness area.

0021278-001

I am writing to urge you to protect the Copper River Delta. Specially I urge you to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021279-001

I very much hope that the Copper River Delta can receive Wilderness Protection. Please do your best to resist logging and mining plans for the area.

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0021280-001

I am requesting that the Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021281-001

I strongly support the wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta management area. Wilderness protection is also necessary for other areas of the Chugach Forest.

0021282-001

We are writing to urge the U.S. Forest Service to declare Alaska's 700,000 acre Copper River Delta a Wilderness area to protect it from [Illegible] development!

0021285-001

I want the Forest Service in to everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and peruse wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021286-001

I am writing to support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta

0021288-001

Please like the Copper River Delta should remain undeveloped A wilderness designation would be wonderful.

0021293-001

I would like the forest service to do everything with its power to stopping mining plans have to peruse wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta. T

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stop logging and mining plans in the copper river delta.

0021294-002

I also urge you to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

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0021295-001

I support wilderness designation for the copper river delta, especially the southeastern quarter of the delta management area.

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The chugach is a national forest and [Illegible] support a wilderness designation for the copper river delta.

0021297-001

Please work to have the copper river delta declared a wilderness area

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Please make sure the Copper River Delta is declared a wilderness area.

0021301-001

Please, we want the Forest Service to do all it can to stop logging and mining here. The eastern half of the delta needs a wilderness designation,

0021302-001

Please do everything possible to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and try to get wilderness designation for the eastern part of the delta.

0021303-001

I am strongly in favor of wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta which includes all wetlands.

0021304-001

I read about the possibility of logging and mining the Copper River Delta. I am shocked, saddened and angry that such a short-sighted venture is even under the slightest consideration. If you are the authority for this region I urge you to halt any such attempts.

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0021305-001

the Copper River is the 4th most endangered river in our country! Mining and logging interest should not be allowed to destroy or damage this wilderness.

0021307-001

Please realize & understand the importance of establishing as much of the Copper River Delta as possible as a wilderness area.

0021309-001

I urge you to guide the US FS to do everything in its power to stop logging & mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta. The positive results of such an act would be far-reaching and long-lasting, unlike any moves towards road-building, logging and mining.

0021310-001

I support wilderness designation for the entire Copper River Delta

0021315-001

to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0021318-001

As an [Illegible] member I am supporting full wilderness protection for the Copper River Delta.

0021319-002

I'm particularly concerned that the eastern half of the Copper River Delta be restored to wilderness protection with no road access public land. This is threatened by in [Illegible] area for million of migrating birds & irreplaceable. Also [Illegible] in snow mobile etc. pollute the air [Illegible]

0021331-001

I'd like to encourage you to help the Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

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0021334-001 aggressively seek wilderness status for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

0021336-001

I very much want the Copper River Delta protected. Wilderness designation would be ideal.

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0021340-001 I urge you to act immediately to protect the wonderful Copper River Delta on a wilderness study Area.

0021341-001

0021345-001

I am writing to advise you that support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta. Thank you

0021346-001

I am writing to ask that the U.S. Forest Service do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans on the Copper River Delta, and that wilderness designation be pursued for the eastern half of the delta.

0021347-001

pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

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- 0021348-001 the U.S. Forest Service to declare the Copper River Delta a wilderness area to protect it from development.
- 0021352-001
- 0021354-001 Please do whatever it takes to preserve the Copper River Delta in the Chugach National Forest.
- 0021355-001 I hope the Forest Service will designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area, and that no logging or mining will be allowed.
- 0021356-001 I am writing to you to express my support for wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, particularly the biologically essential south eastern quarter of the Delta management area.
- 0021357-001 as for all protection wherever possible, in this case the Copper River wilderness, the original 2.3 million acres. These area must be protected from roads, mining, clear cutting, industrial tourisms as well as salmon & other wildlife habitat. Understand a most majority of Cordova's residents favorable the full designated area, 2.3 million acres.
- 0021358-001 I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, especially the biologically essential SE quarter of the Delta management area.
- 0021359-001 Concerning wilderness designation on the Copper River Delta, I am greatly disappointed to learn that the Chugach Forest now proposes to eliminate from wilderness states 380,000 acres of the biologically most rich and critical terrain. Please reconsider, and recommend all 2.3 million acres of your original proposal. You would thereby protect one of the most important wetland ecosystems of the entire National Forest domain.
- 0021360-001 I just finished reading an article in Sierra magazine about the Copper River Delta. I am urging the Forest Service to help protect this wild area from roads and development.

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0021362-001 Please do everything you can do to stop logging & mining plans, & instead to pursue wilderness designation for the incomparable Copper River Delta region.

0021363-001 Alaska's Copper River Delta is important habitat please don't let it be developed - declare it a wilderness area.

0021366-001 It is may hope that its Forest Service is able to stop logging and mining in the Copper River Delta, and to peruse wilderness designation for the eastern half of its Delta.

0021369-001 It is our hope that you and the forest Service will do everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta area. Logging and mining requires roads to be built (usual or U.S. expense) and further damage the streams and waterways these roads must cross. Leave this & other wilderness areas alone!

0021370-001 We urge the NFS to do everything in its power to stop CAC's proposed road. Please designate the Delta as a wilderness! Save the natural resources, especially the Salmon.

0021372-001 ,

it is increasingly essential we establish wilderness areas for animals and man to survive. Prohibit all development in the Copper River Delta, all seven hundred thousand areas of it, by making it a true wilderness area.

0021373-002 Please designate this area as a wilderness. The road would degrade habitat for Salmon & other species.

0021375-001 I urge you to put a stop to logging & mining plans at Copper River Delta and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern

0021376-001 Please help protect the Copper River Delta by having the forest service do everything in it's power to stop logging and mining plans. Please, also pursue wilderness designation in the eastern half of the Delta.

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0021377-001

I am writing about the Copper River Delta to urge the Forest Service to stop plans for logging & mining there & to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021378-001

I would very much like to see the Forest Service do everything possible to stop logging & mining plans & pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Copper River Delta.

0021379-001

Please prevail upon the Forest Service to put an end to the plans for mining and logging in the Copper River Delta - pursue plans for a wilderness designation for this area

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0021381-001

We especially support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, particularly the southeastern of the Delta management area - an essential biologically area.

0021382-001

I am a member of the National Wildlife Federation. We need your help to protect the Copper River Wilderness area.

0021383-001

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

0021386-001

We are writing out of our deep concern for the Copper River Delta area. We strongly urge you and the USFS to do all in your power to stop logging and mining plans for this areas and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

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0021388-001

Alaska's stunning Copper River Delta, the largest wetland on the pacific coast of North America, is just one of the magnificent places in America's 2nd largest natural forest, the Chugach. Not a simple area of that forest is permanently protected as wilderness and a proposed 55-mile logging road is threatening to despoil this national treasure. This prompted the organization American [Illegible] to destroy the Copper River as the 4th most endangered in the U. S. Please have the Forest Service stop logging & mining plant in the Copper River Delta, & pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0021423-001

, by recommending wilderness designation for the entire eastern Copper River Delta and important parts of the western Delta.

0021427-001

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

0021444-001

0021446-001

Please designate the wetlands of the Copper River Delta wilderness

0021465-001

: I am writing to urge swift action to designate the Copper River delta as a wilderness area. Particular emphasis should be placed on the wetlands area to insure a viable and working ecosystem in the entire area for years to come.

0021485-001

Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta, particularly the invaluable wetlands, AS wilderness.

0021488-001

Please recommend wilderness status for the entire eastern Copper River Delta and important parts of the western Delta.

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0021518-001

0021528-001

I would like you to recommend wilderness designation for the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands. Both east and the west side of the river are need to protect the habitat of salmon, shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, wolves and more.

0021531-001

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.

Further, I support a Wild designation for ALL eligible wild and scenic rivers and lakes in the Copper River Delta, including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin and Bering Lakes.

0021542-001

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

0021559-001

0021616-001

You would further harm wildlife habitat with the building of the road and take away almost unique recreational opportunities for those of us that need wilderness and silence. It would diminish the world class paddong opportunities. It would open the area to more degradation due to increased mineral and fossil fuel development. It will not protect Prince William Sound.

It encourages motorized used in pristine areas that are already way too few in number and with no way to ever get them back.

0021616-002

All of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, need to be included in a wilderness, non-roaded area.

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0021718-001

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.

0021744-001

Wish to express my feeling that Copper River Delta be declared officially a wilderness area.

0021749-001

we want to urge you to designate the Copper River Delta, east of Prince William Sound, as wilderness.

0021750-001

Please recommend that the Copper River Delta area be classified as wilderness.

0021753-001

Please do everything you can to help declare the Copper River Delta area as a wilderness area.

0021754-001

Please declare the Copper River Delta a wilderness area

0021755-001

For all the same, obvious reasons, please recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0021756-001

Please recommend the Copper River Delta for wilderness designation.

0021758-001

I write to urge you to recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta, wetlands, both east & west of the River.

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0021761-001

Count me as another Alaskan who strongly supports wilderness for the valuable and irreplaceable wetlands of the Copper River Delta.

0021784-001

I hope the wilderness designation on lower east Copper River Delta gains enough momentum to be selected. If it is, it should not in any way inhibit commercial fishing, boat access, or hunting and fishing. It should be used to protect federal forest fish habitat.

0021786-003

The USFS has deferred inappropriately to a vocal minority in Cordova. Many individual residents have spoken up for wilderness. That can be documented and should be respected.

0021812-001

I am writing to you in support of wilderness protection for all of the habitat of the Copper River Delta.

0021814-003

1) Please count me among those who strongly support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

0021818-001

Please claim the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area!

0021821-003

The Copper River Delta should be wilderness.

0021826-002

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

0021827-001

I am writing this letter in support of the plan to designate The Copper River Delta as a Wilderness area.

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- 0021831-001 I strongly urge the US Forest service to recommend Alaska's Copper river delta, particularly the invaluable wetlands, as wilderness.
- 0021832-001 1) I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta, particularly the invaluable wetlands, as wilderness.
- 0021833-001 I urge you to please designate Alaska's Copper River Delta as a Wilderness area.
- 0021834-001 PLEASE DESIGNATE THE COPPER RIVER DELTA IN ALASKA, ESPECIALLY THE WETLANDS AS WILDERNESS!
- 0021836-001
- Please designate Copper River Delta as wilderness area
- 0021840-001
- I strongly urge the USFS to recommend all of the Copper River wetlands for Wilderness designation on both the east and west sides of the river
- 0021841-001
- 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.
- 0021842-002
- 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.
- 0021843-002
- I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands Wilderness would permanently

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0021844-001

I suggest that the Forest Service declare the Copper River Delta wetlands a wilderness

0021850-001

I cannot comprehend how you can even consider not offering full protection to the copper river delta...your proposal is old style FS 'wilderness on the rocks'.

This is ALL OUR LAND...not don youngs fishing hole

0021851-001

Please protect the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river, by designating it a wilderness.

0021853-001

I strongly urge the forest service to recommend wilderness protection for all of the magnificent and valuable Copper River Delta wetlands

0021856-001

I agree that should declare this river a wilderness. It is the largest wetland in North America we have to think about all the animals they will kill if industrialize this wetland and this river.

0021859-001

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

0021861-001

I recommend wilderness for all Copper River wetlands

0021862-001

Please designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness

0021864-001

Please take note that it is imperative that the purchase of a conservation easement and designation of the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area be allowed to happen.

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0021874-001 The fact that the Copper River Delta is the Largest Wetland area in the Pacific N.W. alone should warrant making this area a protected Wilderness.

0021876-002 Now, of particular importance is the 'Copper River Delta' which is incredibly important to wildlife and for the maintaining of life on our continent. This is no exaggeration, all life forms on this continent are connected. Thus, I ask you to stand up to political pressure, greed and ignorance and make the Copper River Delta in wilderness area or place of special concern and protection.

0021877-001 Please designate the Copper Rover River Delta a wilderness area.

The Copper River Delta is a vital part of the human habitat as well as the wildlife. It supplies fish and wildlife for the Indians. The fish not only represent a large part of their dietary intact but also provides them with a source of income.

0021878-001 I hope you will do
the right thing and declare the Copper River Delta a protected Wilderness Area.

0021880-001 I strongly support the designation of the Copper River Delta in Alaska as a wilderness area.

0021881-001 Please support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

0021882-001 I urge the Forest Service to recommend that the
Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0021883-001 I am writing to you today to urge you to support a 'Wilderness Designation' for the Copper River Delta.

0021884-001 Please do the smart thing and
designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

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0021885-001

Please recommend that the Copper River be preserved forever a wilderness.

0021886-001

I urge you to provide permanent protection to Alaska's Copper River Delta.

0021895-001

As avid outdoor enthusiasts and naturalists, we urge you to push for wilderness designation for the entire Copper River Delta.

0021898-001

I believe that much of the Chugach is worthy of wilderness designation:

COPPER RIVER AREA: I believe all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river should be protected.

0021899-005

I just wanted to let you know my thought concerning wilderness plans for Alaska:

1. Do what you can to protect to Copper River Delta, east and west of the river, to protect wild salmon, shorebirds, bears & wolves of the Delta.

0021901-002

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. 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.

0021902-001

I recommend wilderness designation for all of the Copper River Delta Wetlands, both east and west of the Copper River.

0021903-002

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

2) The valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both west & east of the river.

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0021909-001

I am writing to ask you to please consider making Alaska's Copper River Delta a wilderness area forever.

0021912-001

I am writing to urge you to designate the Copper River Delta a wilderness area!

Clearcutting would destroy the pristine beauty of the area and denigrate the quality of valuable wildlife environment. Roads would sever dozens of streams that feed the eastern portion of the Delta, including the Bering and Martin Rivers.

I urge you to recommend permanent protection of the incredible wildlife and wilderness values of the Copper River Delta by formally designating it a wilderness area.

0021913-001

I urge you to take action to protect this unique area and designate it a national wilderness area.

Preserving the Copper River Delta is necessary to the protection of the indigenous peoples and the many animals that live in and pass through this remote area.

0021914-001

I believe that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area. It is the largest wetland on the Pacific Coast of North America, but without wilderness protection will be open to logging or, just as bad, sprawling development. It should be cherished as a rare eco-system and not as something to be changed irrevocably by unconsidered planning and recognition of the long-term consequences. Malls can always be built; development can happen at any time, but once destroyed this wilderness is gone forever. For the momentary profit will be lasting destruction.

0021918-001

I am writing to encourage you to declare the Copper River Delta a wilderness area.

0021919-001

1. All of the Copper River Delta wetlands - east & west of the river need to be included as part of the wilderness area.

0021921-001

The Copper River Delta must be cherished and protected as a unique ecosystem. It is time to recommend permanent protection for Copper River Delta while respecting existing rights and allowing traditional activities such as hunting and fishing, let's guard against developing this area.

0021925-001

I am showing my support for you to recommend the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area & permanently protected.

We have encroached on the American Indian enough. Please protect this area for them as well preserve it for all to enjoy in the future.

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0021926-001

Count me as another Alaskan who strongly supports wilderness for the valuable and irreplaceable wetlands

of the Copper River Delta.

0021934-001

0021938-001

I feel this area of the Copper River Delta is under grave danger of being damaged beyond recovery if it is not designated a wilderness area.

0021938-003

the Prince William Sound area. Please help designate the whole Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0021946-001

. Make the Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river a wilderness

0021946-002

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Make the Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river a wilderness.

0021956-001

Please recommend the Copper River Delta for wilderness designation. I

0021957-001

Please put wilderness protection on the Copper River Delta.

0021966-001

Please stick to the U.S. Forest Service's earlier recommendation of wilderness status for half of Alaska's Copper River.

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0021971-001

I am writing to urge that the Forest Service recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta be designated a Wilderness Area.

0021972-001

Please recommend the Copper River Delta for wilderness status!

0021973-001

Please designate the Copper River Delta as wilderness,

0021978-001

I encourage you to preserve the largest wetland on the Pacific coast of North America, a critical stopover and logging area for 16 million shorebirds and a haven for bears, wolves, mountain goats and sea hens.

Make this Copper River Delta and surroundings area a protected National forest area where all people can come and enjoy the wonders that are ruin.

0021980-001

Regarding the forest plan revision for the Chugach forest & would urge more wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta area.

0021982-001

I am taking the time to write to you because I feel very strongly about protection for the Copper River Delta.

Wilderness protection for this area with limited hunting, fishing & subsistence use is the best for our future.

0022046-001

It is imperative for the well being of our world, its environment and its future generations, that the Copper River Delta be designated a Wilderness area. .

Please consider my comments and pleas to make the Copper River Delta a Wilderness.

0022049-001

I recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated as a wilderness area.

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0022050-001

I am writing in support of Wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

0022050-005

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.

0022059-001

Please consider my plea to designate Copper River Delta as a wilderness.

0022061-001

. . All options considered I believe the wisest choice is to make the Copper River Delta a permanently preserved wilderness.

0022062-001

I am writing in regards to the Copper River Delta. It recommend the permanent preservation of the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness.

0022063-001

I am writing to suggest the permanent preservation of the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness.

0022064-001

I have been informed that the US Forest Service is trying to decide what the future of the Copper River Delta in Alaska will be. I believe it would be a terrible mistake not to designate it a wilderness for many reasons.

0022065-001

The Copper River Delta should be declared a wilderness because it would allow tradition lifestyles of the Indian tribes, hunting, fishing, and motorized vehicles for subsistence living.

0022066-001

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

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0022067-001 The Delta has been endangered by logging roads, coal mining, and logging and oil development. If it is designated a wilderness, the traditional lifestyles of the Indian tribes would be allowed to continue. The Forest Service would also be able to manage the Delta for fish and wildlife conservation and regulate harmful development within the Delta.

0022069-001

Hi my name is Eliza Poster. I am currently in the eleventh grade at Miami Palmetto High School. One of my classes that I am taking is Advanced Placement Environmental Studies. Last week we learned about the Copper River Delta. I learned how important it is to many wild animals and the world. I also learned that logging roads, coal mining, logging, oil development and the building of tourist lodges, is jeopardizing it. I think this is one of the dumbest things a person could do to the environment. Everyday we loose millions of acres of land to factories, tourist attractions. and much more. Many of those things are harmful threats to the environment. You might want to consider these few facts about the Copper River Delta; it is the staging area for 16 million birds, it is the only nesting habitat for the dusky Canadian goose, it is home to the largest concentration of sea otters, it is a critical habitat for the Copper River Chinook sockeye and coho salmon. These are just a few facts to name. If you start to build and log, the habitat for many of these animals will be destroyed. Many of these animals can only live there and could never make it anywhere else. If this does happen the animals can soon become endangered. There are already thousands of animals that have become endangered because of selfish people like you. I don't know how much you care about your family, but I know that when I have grandchildren I will them to be able to enjoy the world and see everything about it (this is including the animals that you are soon going to be endangering).

In sum, building, logging and coal mining will only hurt the world we live in. I am asking you please to reconsider all of these mistakes that are taking place near the Copper River Delta.

0022070-007

Now is the perfect time to permanently preserve the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness.

0022071-001

I write this letter to you concerning the Copper River Delta in Alaska, which I believe should remain a wilderness area. s.

0022072-001

Please recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022073-001

I am writing you because I would like to show support the permanent preservation of the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness.

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0022075-001

I am writing to urge that the Copper River Delta be recommended as a designated wilderness area.

0022076-001

I want to go on record as saying that the Copper River Delta wetlands, important areas in Prince William Sound and all wild and scenic rivers like the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla be designated for wilderness protection.

0022084-001

I am writing today to urge that the Forest Service recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022085-001

In conclusion I ask of you to consider making the Copper River Delta a designated wilderness

0022086-001

The Copper River Delta should be designated a wilderness area.

0022087-001

. I really think die Copper River Delta should be designated a wilderness area.

0022088-001

As a member of the national wildlife federation, I join with them in asking that you recommend wilderness designation for these critical areas of the Copper River Delta; the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river;

0022089-001

I urge you to recommend that Congress designate the Copper River Delta a wilderness area to protect this unique and irreplaceable resource.

0022091-001

I am writing to you regarding the Copper River Delta. I would like to urge you to designate this as a wilderness area.

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0022094-001

Therefore, I would like to urge the Forest Service to designate the Copper River delta as a federally-protected wilderness area.

0022098-001

I am contacting you today to request the Forest Service recommend the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022099-001

I am writing to request that the Copper River Delta located in south central Alaska be designated as a wilderness area.

0022103-001

As a Cordovan resident, I request that you recommend wilderness for the Copper River Delta both east and west of the river, including all of the valuable wetlands that many of us rely upon for livelihood.

0022104-001

I am writing to urge that the Copper River Delta area be designated a wilderness area.

Please designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0022112-002

Please recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands. and maximum protection of Wild & Scenic eligible rivers.

0022115-001

The Copper River Delta of southcentral Alaska is a precious and essential wilderness area.

It is imperative that the Copper River Delta be permanently protected from all forms of commercial development.

0022116-001

I am writing to urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area

0022117-001

Please designate the Copper River Delta as a wildlife and wilderness area so it will be protected from all kinds of development, logging, coal mining, oil and gas development and road construction. This is a very valuable and unique natural resource with a wide variety of species that should be protected forever.

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- 0022118-001 I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.
- With more and more habitat being lost to development and exploitation, we need to preserve areas such as this which still contain an abundance offish and wildlife in a pristine ecosystem. It is also important to preserve the indigenous culture that depends on this ecosystem for their subsistence.
- 0022121-001 save the copper river delta -
list it as a wilderness area (all of it).
- 0022124-001 I urge the forest service to recommend that the copper river delta be designated as a wilderness area.
- 0022129-001 Please make the copper river delta a wilderness area.
- 0022138-001
- Please do all you can to secure a wilderness designation for Alaska's COPPER RIVER DELTA. We need to keep such areas functioning the way nature intended. Without wetlands to hold excess water, flooding would be out of control, human development cannot encroach upon the entire earth without dire consequences.
- 0022172-001 I urge the US forest service to recommend that the copper river delta be designated a wilderness area. Such designation will help preserve the copper river delta, and its important natural resources, that support salmon runs, migratory birds, native subsistence, and scenic beauty. Such designation will protect these values and resources from unnecessary development, road construction and mining.
- 0022174-001 For all the environmental reasons you must know so well - please work to designate the copper river delta a wilderness area.
- 0022175-001 We are writing to express our concern for the official record on the fate of the copper river delta, a most precious wildlife and forest area. We urge the forest service to designate this area as a wilderness area, to be forever protected - for future generations.
- 0022177-001

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- 0022178-001 Copper River Delta
Please designate this important area as a wilderness area.
- 0022179-001 The forest service must keep the Copper River Delta wilderness - Please stop plans for mining and logging.
- 0022182-001 recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.
- 0022183-001
- 0022185-001 We don't need more logging and clear cutting. We've seen the damage that we created to both the earth and the wildlife. We need to do all that we can to protect it. I support the NWF in it's efforts to protect the Delta and the wildlife that rely upon it's survival for their own. We must preserve the wilderness and leave it as nature had intended, without all the senseless noise and pollution that 'development' brings with it.
- 0022187-001 The Forest service should recommend wilderness status for all the Copper river Delta wetlands. It would be yet another great loss to the country to fail to give this area the protection it deserves.
- 0022190-001 The Copper River Delta wetlands is a very important area that needs to be kept safe for the salmon, waterfowl, shorebirds, bears and wolves. Please don't let clear-cutting, coal mining, industrial tourism or oil gas and mining to take over.
- 0022192-001 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.
- 0022197-001 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

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0022198-001

Please protect the copper river delta from sprawling tourism, mineral development, and commercial logging by designating this area as wilderness.

0022200-002

0022208-003

0022209-002

0022210-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to protect ALL of the wilderness of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river. Wilderness is the only way to protect the Delta from being overrun by clear cutting, coal mining, drilling etc. Please also protect wilderness for Prince William Sound areas such as Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bay to help species recover.

I would appreciate a response to my comments.

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0022212-001

Please designate the Copper River Delta as wilderness.

0022217-001

Wilderness for all of Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river is imperative.

0022218-001

Please consider the Copper River Delta wetlands including all lands immediately east and west of it for inclusion as wilderness status. To not include the adjoining areas to your preferred alternative would fail to preserve the ecosystem that governs that area.

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0022223-001 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.

0022224-001 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

0022225-001

I am writing to respectfully urge that the Forest Service recommend wilderness protection & designation for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east & west of the river

0022225-002 We must provide permanent protection of the incredible wildlife and wilderness values of the Copper River Delta while respecting existing rights and allowing traditional activities such as hunting, fishing, and motorized access for subsistence purposes

0022225-004

Recommending the Copper River Delta as a wilderness (as well as all eligible wild & scenic rivers, including the Copper Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Martin & Bering Lakes) is the best and most sensible way of preserving a world-class ecosystem and the people and wildlife that depend upon it

0022226-001 I ask the U.S. Forest Service to recommend a wilderness area for ALL of the Copper River delta wetlands, both east and west of the river

0022228-001

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

0022231-001

Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river

0022238-001

I strongly believe that the wetlands/delta region of Copper River in AK should be a permanently protected habitat for all the animal life in that area. Wilderness needs to be protected

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0022239-001

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

0022244-001

Please protect the Copper River Delta as a national Wilderness Area.

0022252-001

I would like to urge that the Forest Service designate all of the lands of the eastern portion of the delta as wilderness and do the same for the important wetlands in the western half

The significance of this habitat is truly global as to its crucial role in the migration of millions of birds. In addition the habitat to be saved through such a designation will serve as rearing habitat for salmon in perpetuity, thus playing a vital and sustainable role in the economy of Alaska To risk these values for short term economic gain for a few large companies is irresponsible and should be prevented

0022253-001

Please do all in your ability to insure that the wilderness of the Copper River Delta is preserved as designated wilderness, free from ALL extractive and exploitative policies, as well as protecting its wildlife and animal habitat from reckless tourism. Protect the wildlife, such as the grizzly bear, by designating the delta as wilderness, free from ALL motorized recreation.

0022256-001

Please recommend a wilderness designation for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river. This would permanently protect the habitat of wild salmon, shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears and the wolves of the Copper River Delta Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from being overrun by clear-cutting, oil and gas drilling, and the sprawl of large-scale industrial tourist.

We need to protect this unique, true wilderness area.

0022259-001

I support all efforts to recommend wilderness for copper River Delta wetlands. A Forest Service commitment to wetlands would show that the Forest Service is the proper stewards of this unique ecosystem It is questionable why the Forest Service--stewards of timber resources was given management responsibility of the Copper River Delta in ANILCA. A designation of wilderness for this area would show that the Forest Service is worthy of management of this wetland.

0022260-001

I strongly recommend that the Forest Service support Wilderness Designation for ALL of the Copper River Delta wetland, both east and west of the river.

This remarkable ecosystem needs permanent protection.

0022261-001

Please preserve all of the Copper River Delta as wilderness.

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0022263-006 ongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river

0022263-007
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

0022264-001
I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the valuable and irreplaceable 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 I Ostrongly believe we need to preserve this land and protect these beautiful creatures for future generations Their habitat is in danger of being sold to the highest bidder Who will commit these animals to the history books Please think of our future, we need Wilderness, open country and the brown bear needs it to survive,

0022265-001
WILDERNESS FOR ALL OF THE VALUABLE COPPER RIVER DELTA WETLANDS

0022266-001
I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

0022268-003
I strongly urge the NFS to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands on both the east and west side.

0022269-001
I strongly urge the forest Service to recommend wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta.

0022271-001
We strongly urge you to protect all Copper River Delta wetlands and their surrounds. There is so much at stake here, especially since pressure from developers, mining and timber interests keep increasing.

Sincerely,

Darlene Wolf

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0022274-001

PLEASE help save and protect the Copper River Delta wetlands. You know what mankind has done in FL, please do not let it happen here, Keep it the way it is now--a wilderness.

0022276-001

The Copper River Delta should be designated as a wilderness area so that the wetlands and wildlife be spared development pressures.

0022278-001

Please recommend Wilderness for all of the COPPER RIVER DELTA in ALASKA. Please help preserve this area for all the wild animals, and not allow logging, drilling, etc. in this pristine area.

0022279-001

I am requesting that the US Forest Service keep the wilderness for all the wetlands in the Copper River Delta. The need to keep our environment as pristine as possible is foremost on my personal agenda. I do not wish any more development in areas where there will be a significant change in habitat for any natural or living organism.

0022280-001

Sirs: 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 will protect wildlife and prevent overrunning of the area by clearcutting, mining, tourism and etc. Please protect the wonderful Alaskan Wilderness and Wild Rivers.

0022282-001

By designating the Copper River Delta a wilderness area, this regions fragile ecosystems will be protected from 'unfettered, sprawling development' while assuring the continuation of both traditional activities, the wildlife, sustainable development, and limited commercial use.

0022283-001

The purpose of this letter is to convey the extreme importance of designating the Copper River Delta as a protected wilderness areas as defined by the Wilderness Act of 1964.

0022283-005

According to the Wilderness Act of 1964, an area classified as a wilderness is 'recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.' The integrity of the Copper River Delta and the species that depend on its preservation, are dependent on the protection of this wetland under the Wilderness Act. Please consider the necessity of this action and encourage the classification of the Copper River Delta as a protected wilderness area.

0022284-001

I ask you to do what you can to save this area and recommend the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

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0022287-001

As the future of the Copper River Delta is being considered, I would like to suggest that a wilderness designation for this unique ecosystem would seem appropriate.

0022291-001

We urge that the Forest Service recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022298-001

I very respectfully request that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022300-001

I am writing in support of Wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

I was disappointed that the preferred alternative listed by the planning team only included Wilderness for the northeast portion of the Copper River Delta. As you know, this is mostly mountain tops and glaciers. It is the wetlands that need protection!

0022300-003

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.

0022302-001

I urge the Forest Service to recommend the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area!

0022303-001

You have the power (as part of the forest service) to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

Some of the future development of this fragile ecosystem should not be allowed but at least the forest service could regulate what won't damage the area so badly it affects the people who counts on the wildlife for their existence.

0022304-001

The Copper River Delta is vulnerable to logging, mining, off-road use, and other activities usually permitted on Forest Lands. The proposal to build a road through the heart of the Delta puts at risk the habitat of enormous amounts offish and wildlife, plus the Eyak Indians who rely on the wildlife for subsistence. Please see to it that there is permanent protection. Thank you.

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0022305-001

It has come to my attention that the Forest Service is now considering options for managing the Copper River Delta and the surrounding National Forest which would effect the next several decades.

it seems that this just might be the right time to say 'NO' to construction and let this area remain a true wilderness area.

I understand the Eyak Indians in the small fishing community of Cordova rely on this area for the fishing and wildlife that thrive here. It is the only town in the Delta region and more than a third of its workforce is directly involved in commercial fishing and processing while many others provide support for this fishing industry.

help keep Alaska's Copper River Delta wild forever! Designate this area as a wilderness area!

0022306-001

This is a request to designate the Copper River Delta a permanent wilderness area.. Its ecosystem could be endangered as well as the lifestyle of the Eyak Indians who depend on the wildlife in this area.

I urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022307-001

We would like to urge you to designate the Copper River Delta as a Wilderness Area. By doing so, the Forest Service will be able to manage the Delta for fish and wildlife conservation and regulate activities like road construction, logging and other development which would be harmful to wildlife.

0022308-001

I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area. I have several reasons for this recommendation.

0022311-001

I urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta in south-central Alaska is designated a wilderness area.

Just once it would be nice for those in authority and in a position to do something positive to place the Copper River Delta as a high priority and preserve it with some type of management control which I believe would take place if designated a wilderness area.

0022312-001

I'm writing to urge you to protect the pristine ecosystem of the Copper River Delta from urban sprawl and development.

0022313-001

I am writing in support of Wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from development pressure to clear-cut the forest, mine for coal, drill for oil and gas, and build roads and lodges for large-scale industrial tourism,

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0022314-001

I am writing you to urge and the forest service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022315-005

5. Protect Copper River wetlands from development by designating them as wilderness.

0022316-001

We are writing to express our concern over development threats to the Copper River Delta. We urge you to do everything you possibly can to ensure that the region is protected, and we recommend designating the area as wilderness.

0022319-001

We are writing in support of Wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, on both sides of the river.

We also 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.

0022320-001

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.

0022321-001

I most sincerely urge that the Forest Service designate as Wilderness Area the marvelous miracle that is in existence currently known as the Copper River Delta in south central Alaska.

0022322-001

I urge you to designate the Copper River Delta as a Wilderness area

0022324-001

I am writing to urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022326-001

I support wilderness designation for all valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

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- 0022328-001 Please add my name to the many others in this country, vocal and silent, that believe our Copper River Delta - like much of what remains of our national wildland treasures - ought to be designated Wilderness and protected from the encroachments of civilization.
- 0022332-001 So I've been concerned about what's happening with the Copper River delta.
- The last I heard, the U.S. Forest Service had recommended wilderness status for about half the delta, including some of the wetlands that provide a safe haven for shorebirds. , I urge the agency to support the full wilderness designation, which seems beneficial to all Americans (not to mention a great many birds, fish and other beasts).
- 0022335-001 I strongly urge you to recommend wilderness designation for this region. I also want to thank you for accepting and allowing for inputs from citizens as you contemplate the future of the Copper River Delta region.
- 0022336-001 Designation of the area as 'wilderness' would allow the Service to manage the Copper River Delta in a way that will protect these valuable functions.
- 0022338-001 I would like to voice my support for designating the Copper River Delta a wilderness area and protecting it from development.
- 0022339-002 We encourage you to support the Copper River Delta being designated a protected wilderness area. We must keep this area natural for future generations to enjoy.
- 0022341-001 I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area. As I understand it, by designating this 700,000-acre delta as a wilderness area, the Forest Service would manage the land for fish and wildlife conservation and at the same time regulate the construction of roads, logging, and other potentially harmful development.
- 0022341-002 Thank you for reading this letter. Recommending the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area is the most sensible way of preserving a world-class ecosystem and the people and wildlife that depend on it.

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0022345-001

I am writing to ask that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area to protect it in perpetuity from encroaching development.

Designation of the Copper River Delta as a wilderness will allow the Forest Service to manage the Delta for fish and wildlife conservation while regulating activities such as road construction, logging, and other harmful development.

Please protect this fragile ecosystem by designating the Copper River Delta a wilderness area.

0022346-001

I'm writing to join those who are urging the Forest Service to preserve the Copper River Delta and its surrounding forest WILD.

As for salmon, which are suffering enough in the lower 48 states, the Delta offers critical habitat to Copper River chinook, sockeye and coho salmon. I understand the folks in the town of Cordova are utterly dependent on the area for their livelihoods and as a food source. They depend on the salmon, as the Eyaks have done for generations.

I don't know what we humans think we're doing, destroying other forms of life as if ours were the only important one. At our current rate of careless destruction around the globe, we may soon learn the toughest lesson of all: that people can't survive unless much of the wild survives. Along with millions of environmentalists, I'll watch for news from the Delta in December.

0022347-001

I am writing to urge that the Forest Service designate the Copper River Delta in Alaska a wilderness area. This would protect it from unrestricted road construction, logging, and haphazard development.

0022348-001

I believe it will be a wonderful work of wisdom and foresight if this country decides to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area

I've read that the Delta, among other things, is the largest wetland on the Pacific coast; is a home or migratory stopover to millions of birds; contains large concentrations of beavers, sea otters, bears, and many other mammals; and spawns sizeable populations of several species of salmon. If only half of this is true, the area still is worthy of being conserved in a natural state. And in a manner commensurate with the demands of a wilderness designation, the Eyak people should be allowed to continue their traditional subsistence activities in the Delta. With an eye toward minimizing their impact, perhaps certain restrictions could be placed on their activities, if such is even necessary. I believe it is quite possible to protect the forests and at the same time allow the Eyaks to preserve their traditional way of life.

The Copper River can serve as a model demonstrating how the Forest Service is putting its conservation mandates into action.

I again urge you and the United States Forest Service to recommend strong and permanent protection of the Copper River Delta.

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0022349-001 The proposal of the Chugach Alaska Corporation to build a road across the heart of the Copper River Delta has recently come to the attention of our garden club. It is inconceivable that the only region in the country's national forest system where protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife is the primary purpose of the forest should be so threatened. We feel it is vital to protect this area for wildlife and future generations. We strongly recommend wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river to permanently protect the habitat of wild salmon, shorebirds, and waterfowl, brown bears, and wolves. 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.

Therefore, Tree Town Garden Guild strongly support the preservation of this area as a wilderness area.

0022351-001 We are writing to urge you to designate Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0022352-001 We respectfully request that you designate Alaska's Copper River Delta a wilderness area and thus provide it with permanent protection. Please protect this vital resource for our future by designating the Copper River Delta a wilderness area.

0022354-001 As you plan your options for managing the Copper River Delta and the surrounding National forest in South Central Alaska, count me amongst those than are pleading for a wilderness designation for the area.

A wilderness designation will allow regulation of road construction, logging and harmful development.

0022360-001 I am writing to you today to tell you that I, as well as many others, would be very appreciative if the Forest Service were to turn the Copper River Delta into a wilderness area.

0022362-001 Recommending the Copper River Delta as a wilderness is the best and most sensible way of preserving a world-class ecosystem and the people and wildlife that depend upon it.

0022363-001 I understand the U.S. Forest Service is reviewing plans for managing the Copper River Delta and the surrounding National Forest. I'm writing to urge you to recommend that these lands be designated a national wilderness area, with provisions protecting this unique ecosystem and its wildlife, and allowing the Forest Service to regulate road construction, logging and other development.

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0022363-002

I understand the U.S. Forest Service is reviewing plans for managing the Copper River Delta and the surrounding National Forest. I'm writing to urge you to recommend that these lands be designated a national wilderness area, with provisions protecting this unique ecosystem and its wildlife, and allowing the Forest Service to regulate road construction, logging and other development.

0022365-001

Please, declare the Copper River Delta to be a Wilderness Area.

0022365-002

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Dear Mr. Gibbons,

Just want to express my concern about what I have read re potential changes in the plan for the Copper River Delta. I feel that this area needs and deserves to be named a Wilderness Area, which would bar both development and commercial use.

Surely the Copper River Delta is more valuable to our nation as a place left to its own natural splendor than as simply another logged-over and commercially developed 'forest.'

Please, declare the Copper River Delta to be a Wilderness Area.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Rev. Lou Drew

0022366-001

If the various current uses of the Copper River area of the Chugach National Forest are found to be incompatible. I strongly urge the Forest Service to propose designating it as a wilderness area. When push comes to shove, some things are too rare and precious to risk losing.

0022367-001

I am writing in support of designating the Copper River Delta as a Wilderness Area.

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0022368-001

Wilderness designation for Copper River Delta would permit all traditional active, while restriction, harmful activity and so preservation marvelously diverse & productive ecosystem. Protect and preserve while we have the chance.

0022369-001

I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022370-001

I strongly urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta wetlands become a protected wilderness area.

0022371-001

I am asking you to use your influence to give the Copper River Delta a wilderness area designation.

0022372-001

In considering how to manage the Copper River Delta, I urge you to provide permanent protection to this incredible area by designating it a wilderness area which it surely is.

0022373-001

We recommend and support designation of the Copper River Delta as a National Wilderness Area to prevent its ultimate destruction.

0022374-001

It is for all these reasons and many more that the Delta should be designated a wilderness area.

0022375-001

As a citizen, voter, taxpayer and former Alaskan, I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022377-001

I am writing to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a protected wilderness area.

I am therefore urging you to recommend permanent protection of the incredible wildlife and wilderness values of the Copper River Delta while respecting existing rights and allowing traditional activities such as hunting, fishing, and motorized access for subsistence purposes.

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0022378-001 This letter is sent to provide input into the Forest Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest. My input is simple, and consists of asking you to recommend that the approximately 700,000 acre River Delta be designated as wilderness.

Wilderness designation would not only protect this area for Alaskans and future generations of Americans, but would also protect an outstanding and probably threatened ecosystem which includes:

- A critical staging area for millions of waterfowl and shorebirds
 - Home to the world's largest concentration of beaver and sea otters
 - Critical habitat for Copper River Chinook, Sockeye and Coho salmon
 - Migratory stopover for western sandpipers and dunlins
- An outstanding ecosystem for wolves, mountain goats, moose, sea lions and brown bear
The largest wetland on the Pacific Coast of North America

0022382-001 I am writing to express my vehement support for the designation of Copper River Delta as a wilderness area. The amount of unique wildlife, which is supported by the existence of that area, is incomparable.

I urge you to act to protect the Copper River Delta by recommending its designation as a wilderness area that the Forest Service can manage and preserve.

0022383-001

Please exercise your power to do all that you can do to protect the Copper River Delta by working to have it designated a wilderness area.

0022384-001 I urge your to support the designation of the Copper River Delta as a Wilderness Area. Wilderness Area designation would afford permanent protection of the incredible wildlife and wilderness values of the Copper River Delta while respecting existing rights and allowing traditional activities such as hunting, fishing, and motorized access for subsistence purposes. To me this would be a win-win situation.

0022385-001

I beg you to respect the authority of your position and make a responsible decision to permanently protect the Copper River Delta. We don't have many areas like this left and, frankly, it's value to the people as a whole far outweighs the temporary financial gain of some corporation or fast food restaurant.

0022386-001 I am told that the Forest Service is considering its options for managing the Copper River Delta. I am urging you to recommend that it be designated a wilderness area.

0022387-001 I urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

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0022388-001 This letter is to urge the Forest Service to recommend the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022389-001 I am writing to urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated as a wilderness area.

Please ask for the designation of the area as a wilderness area so that the Forest Service would be able to regulate development and preserve the Copper River Delta and its wildlife.

0022390-001 I wish to add my voice to so many others' in support of designating the Copper River Delta a Wilderness.

As a Wilderness, the Forest Service will have the authority and responsibility for maintaining this wildlife habitat.

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For the sake of our nation's stewardship of all natural resources, the Copper Delta must be designated a Wilderness Area.

0022391-001 I am writing on behalf of the Copper River Delta in Alaska.

In our current society, it is difficult to believe such vast expanses of our world's treasured wildlife remains intact and untouched by civilization. The Copper River Delta is a prime example of a valuable glance at what our planet has always been before development changed its course. As with history, the human population exceeds the land it originally inhabits and therefore it must expand. What seems like a harmless first movement into such otherwise 'uncharted' territory is bound to have long-term implications. From the sprouting of a few cities that will multiply exponentially, to huge projects which permanently change the face of the land and expel its original ecosystem - We must try to rein in the cycle of careless consumption and we can do that by protecting the Copper River Delta.

Honestly, it worries me that there are some major political forces whom have already clearly stated that they wish to mar the wilderness expanses of Alaska with oil drilling, not to mention a multitude of other developmental actions. In looking at the long-term legislation, I believe we must not leave any loopholes for these very shortsighted endeavours. Undoubtedly, there will come a time when this area too will most likely be encroached upon - but we need to call for strict regulations.

We cannot ignore the wealth of resources that we can protect and which will survive if we can only protect them. There are also natural resources which already provide profits and valuable economy to the natural peoples of this delta. If we should allow unrestricted development - we will destroy the habitat in which that wildlife which resides. Development will dry up and it does not perpetuate itself as nature does. In the end, following such a strictly capitalistic course of action will leave us with nothing in the end.

Controlling the use of land in the Copper River Delta will not only protect lands here - but will contribute to setting a precedent in decision making for such similar decisions all over the country. If we do not attempt to draw a line at which development must stop, then people will never learn to take responsibility for the lands they so often take for granted. I hope that you will hear the words of people such as myself who can see how vital such a decision is, not only for the treasures of the Copper River Delta - but for such areas across the world.

0022392-001 Please do what you can to see that the Copper River Delta is designated as a National Wilderness area.

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- 0022393-001 As a member of National Wildlife Federation. I think it is an ideal time to implement permanent protection of this invaluable natural wilderness space and home to abundant wildlife.
- I feel that a wilderness designation allows the Forest Service to very ably manage the Delta for its fish and wildlife conservation and at the same time, it will regulate activities such as road construction, logging and any other harmful development. It makes sense to me as a most effective way to preserve a 'world-class' ecosystem and additionally the people and its wildlife dependent upon it.
- 0022396-001
- As one of the millions of owners of the Chugach National Forest I strongly request that the entire Cooper River Delta be given full wilderness protection.
- 0022398-001 I am writing you on behalf of the Copper River Delta. It is imperative that it be designated a wilderness area. Reasons?
- 1) To put an end to unmanaged incremental development.
 - 2) To preserve the culture of the native Eyak Indians who have respect for the land they live on and with.
 - 3) To give due recognition to the Delta as the largest wetland on the Pacific Coast of North America and its importance to millions of migratory birds who depend on it so heavily - some like the dusky Canada Geese, as their only nesting habitat.
 - 4) It is a haven as well for wildlife such as wolves, Brown Bear, moose, mountain goats, and a critical habitat for the famous Copper River Chinook, Sockeye and Coho Salmon.
- Please keep the road builders, the loggers, miners, oil and gas despoilers out of the Copper River Delta. Designate it a wilderness area before all the pristine beauty of an ecosystem that is working and serving so many is lost forever, along with its denizens & the Eyak Indians culture and stewardship of their land.
- 0022399-001 I am writing to ask for your support for wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta region of Alaska.
- Please act now to protect and preserve the Copper River Delta by recommending wilderness designation for this region.
- 0022400-001 Please have Copper River Delta be designated to be a wilderness area.
- 0022401-001 I am writing to urge you to recommend that Alaska's Copper River Delta be designated as a wilderness area. This is a pristine reminder of what all of Alaska was like at one time, and must be preserved for future generations. The Forest Service should assume a strong, responsible position in order to assume the preservation of this wonderful region.

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0022403-001

We urge you to recommend the Copper River Delta for designation as a wilderness.

0022406-001

I'm writing in support of permanent protection for the wildlife and wilderness of the Copper River Delta.

0022407-001

I recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022408-001

I am writing in reference to the U. S. Forest Service's acceptance of comments regarding the future of the Copper River Delta. Award it the designation of wilderness status it so richly deserves.

0022409-001

This is a perfect time for your Service to recommend permanent protection of the incredible wildlife and wilderness values of the Copper River Delta while respecting existing rights and allowing traditional activities such as hunting, fishing, and motorized access for subsistence purposes.

0022410-001

I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta in Alaska be designated a wilderness area!

0022411-001

I'm writing you in regards to the Copper River Delta. Please consider making this a designated wilderness area in which the Forest Service will manage.

0022412-001

I urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area!

0022413-001

I urge you and the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area!

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0022414-001

I wrote to this office in September about wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta and wish to reaffirm my commitment to this effort.

0022416-001

I understand the Forest Service is considering its options for managing the Copper River Delta and the surrounding National Forest. I have traveled in Alaska and believe that this Copper River Delta should at all cost be preserved as the largest wetland on the Pacific Coast of North America.

I ask that you do all in your power to preserve this area as a Wilderness area. This I believe will be the only way to insure this area is kept clear of roads, logging, and large tourist projects.

0022426-001

I am writing in support of Wilderness for ALL of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

0022426-003

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.

0022448-001

What specific improvements would you recommend for the preferred alternative?

To best protect certain area of the forest I would recommend 'wilderness' designation for certain areas, these include: (1) The Copper River Delta wetlands east & west, for protection of the habitat for migrating & nesting birds.

0022450-003

I also recommend special wilderness designation (Copper River Delta wetlands for both sides of river) to ensure long-term preservation of this important commercial & personal use [Illegible] & [Illegible] critical wildlife habitat.

0022463-001

We urge you to do the right thing and recommend the entire eastern half of the Delta and sensitive areas in the western Delta as a wilderness area.

0022466-001

I urge the forest service to recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

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0022469-001

Please leave the Copper River Delta wild.

Wilderness designation is needed now for this precious remnant

0022470-001

I am writing to you to strongly urge you to give wilderness designation to the wetlands of the Copper River Delta and protections for other valuable parts of the Chugach Natl. Forest like Prince William Sound.

0022471-001

I am writing to urge to Forest Service to support wilderness designation of the Copper River Delta.

0022474-001

the rich, vast Copper River Delta must have a wilderness designation to protect:

0022477-001

0022482-001

0022490-001

Please put the Copper River Delta into wilderness designation.

0022495-002

Please PROTECT the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

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0022498-001 I'm writing to urge you to consider designating the Copper River Delta wetlands and all other eligible river areas including the Bering and Martin, a wilderness area.

0022500-001

I recently read that the Copper River Delta is one of the largest wetlands in North America, and a great habitat for many birds, beavers, and other animals. However, I heard it is being damaged by construction mining, and logging. Please urge that it be designated a wilderness area.

0022502-001

It has been brought to my attention that the US forest service is in the considering its options regarding the Copper River Delta. I entreat you to hear my contention as to why the Copper River Delta deserves permanent preservation through designation as a wilderness.

0022503-001

. I urge the Forest Service to manage the Delta for fish and wildlife conservation and regulate harmful development within the Delta. It would be best to designate Copper River Delta as a wilderness.

0022504-001

I urge the US Forest Service to designate the Copper River Delta a wilderness.

0022507-001

0022508-001

Why it would be the best to designate copper River delta as a wilderness.

0022509-001

The following areas should be recommended for wilderness designation:

1) The valuable Copper River Delta wetland both lost and west of the river to protect the habitat of salmon, shorebirds, waterfowl and bears.

0022511-001

I strongly recommend critical areas of the Copper River Delta, including wetlands last and west of the river in order to protect habitat of shorebirds salmon, brown bears, wolves and other fauna, be designated or wilderness.

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0022517-001

We are writing to urge you and the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022518-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service recommend wilderness designation for the entire 700,000 acre Copper River Delta wetland complex and associated coastal forestlands,

0022519-001

Please recommend the permanent preservation of this treasure by designating it a wilderness.

0022522-001

We the citizens who are the owners of our public lands, demand wilderness designation for the wetlands of the Copper River Delta as well as protections for Prince William Sound.

0022523-001

I am writing to urge you to recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

0022527-001

We are writing today to urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area!

0022574-001

I understand that the Forest Service is examining options for management of the Copper River Delta. I strongly support protecting this area for its value as a haven for birds and other wildlife by designating it as a wilderness area.

0022575-001

I write to inform you that is is IMPERATIVE that the Delta be declared a wilderness by the Forest Service.

0022581-001

Speaking as a U.S. citizen I believe that Copper River Delta should be designated a wilderness Area.

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0022582-001 Let's designate the Copper River Delta an area of beautiful wilderness.

0022584-001
I believe that the Copper River Delta should be designated a wilderness area.

0022585-001 It would be in your best interest to declare the Copper River Delta a wilderness area.

0022587-001 I strongly recommend the permanent preservation of the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness.

0022588-001 The reason I am writing you is my concern for the Copper River Delta in Alaska. This Delta has already been greatly damaged, but if it is designated as a wilderness we can prevent future damage. . If the Copper River Delta is designated as a wilderness, the US Forest Service will be able to control any harmful development within the Delta.

0022589-001
I am writing to you regarding the Copper River Delta. I want to urge you to recommend that the Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022591-001
For these reasons, I would like you to consider Copper River Delta as a wilderness designation.

0022595-001
I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0022596-001
To know that the Copper River Delta is the home of so many species that will die if we do not make these wetland a designated wilderness area.

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0022597-001

I most definitely would like to contribute in the preservation of the Copper River Delta! If we designate it as a wilderness area,

0022674-001

I would like to state my opinion on why we should keep the Alaska's Copper River Delta wild.

0022711-002

Designate the Copper River Delta is wilderness to protect its ecological value.

0022729-002

[Illegible] wilderness designations to the Copper River Delta wetlands to sustain fisheries & wildlife habitat up buds.

0022732-003

Designate Copper River Delta as wilderness.

0022738-005

Copper River - designate special wilderness designation and wild or scenic.

0022739-003

(1) Designate Copper River Delta wetlands (east & west of Copper River) as wilderness.

0022787-001

Please consider designating the Delta a wilderness.

0022790-001

I have written this letter to tell how important it is for you to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness.

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0022794-001 I urge you to include Copper River Delta as a wilderness area in the new management plan.

0022797-001 As a student, and a representative of our future, I feel it is imperative to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness.

0022799-001 The Copper River Delta should be preserved by designating it as a wilderness.

0022800-001 It is of my utmost concern that the Copper River Delta be designated as a wilderness for the following reasons.

0022801-001 The Copper River Delta should be preserved by designating it as a wilderness. .

0022802-001 Therefore, I urge you to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness for the sake of the future.

0022803-001 Please PROTECT the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0022804-001 . Therefore it is to my recommendation that the Copper River Delta must be designated as a wilderness that would allow traditional lifestyles of the Indian tribes, hunting; fishing, and motorized vehicles for subsistence living.

0022806-001 I strongly recommend the permanent preservation of the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0022808-001 I think that we should designate Copper River Delta as a wilderness for many reasons.

0022810-001
 It is a great idea to designate Copper River Delta (CRD) as a wilderness.

0022812-001
 .
 The Copper River Delta should be designated as wilderness and left alone for people to admire natures beauty.

0022813-001
 I would like to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated as a wilderness for permanent preservation.

0022814-001 In regard to the Copper River Delta. It is in the best interest of the wildlife and Indians of the Delta for it to remain & wilderness.

0022816-001 I think it is the best interest of everyone if the US Forest Service named the Copper River Delta as a wilderness and could therefore protect it from destruction.

0022817-001
 Everything in the Copper River Delta must be preserved for the future so that people will still have beauty to enjoy throughout the world. All that has to be done to save this magnificent piece of nature is to designate it a wilderness.

0022819-001
 I urge the Forest Service to recommend permanent protection for the Copper River Delta and surrounding area. Please recommend wilderness status for this area.

0022820-001
 By permanently preserving the Copper River Delta by designating it a Wilderness, it would allow traditional lifestyles of the Indian tribes, hunting, fishing, and motorized vehicles for subsistence living.

Comment # Comment

0022821-001

This is the perfect time to amend the permanent preservation of the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness. . The instrumental Copper River Delta, must be designated as a wilderness to salvage the necessary land.

0022824-001

The Copper River Delta should be designated a wilderness to allow for traditional life styles and the preservation of the natural habitat for our future generations.

0022827-001

I am writing in support of Wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands, east and west of the river.

0022929-001

The Copper River Delta should have a wilderness designation for its wetlands.

0022950-001

Having visited the Copper River Delta Area twice, I would hate to think of it being vulnerable to any kind of change. That is why I am recommending that this area be designated a wilderness area,

0022960-001

As a citizen and part owner of our public lands, I urge the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta .

I also urge you to use this designation to protect critical bear habitat and wild and scenic rivers such as the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla rivers.

0022964-001

For the sake of all our children, please designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area. We are counting on you.

0022970-001

I am very disappointed that the EIS does not recommend wilderness protection for any of the valuable wetland habitat of the Copper River Delta.

I am requesting the Forest Service to recommend wilderness designation for these critical areas of the Delta: The valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

Comment # Comment

0022981-002 I also recommend the following lakes and rivers be protected as Wild: Copper (north and south), Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, Alaganik Slough, and Bering and Martin Lakes.

0022987-001 This letter is sent to provide input into the Forest Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest. My input is simple, and consists of asking you to recommend that the approximately 700,000 acre River Delta be designated as wilderness.

0022989-001

I recently became aware that the Alaska Forest Service has released its draft environmental impact statement for the Chugach National Forest in which it did not recommend habitat of the Copper River Delta for wilderness protection. I strongly urge that the Forest Service reconsider its preferred alternative and recommend the Copper River Delta wetland a wilderness area.

0022992-001

I strongly urge the US. forest service to designate this flourishing habitat a wilderness, thus protecting it from damage roads, coal mining and oil development, in addition to the other unnecessary human developments.

0023000-001 One of the largest wetlands on the Pacific Coast, the Copper River Delta, is being destroyed. Now is the time we should take action and preserve the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness.
Without further ado, action must be taken in order to save this asset to our environment.

0023001-001

I, Jonathan Bedford, would like to give my support to the proposal of designating the Copper River Delta as a wilderness.

0023002-001 I'm now asking you, to please think about designating the Copper River Delta as a wilderness.

0023005-001

Please designate wilderness areas of Delta.

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

Comment # Comment

0023010-001

I am writing you to urge you to use your influence to gain permanent protection of the Copper River Delta.

Wilderness designation with provisions for respecting the traditional rights and cultural necessities of the Eyak Indians seems like the best way to manage the Copper River Delta for wildlife conservation and ecosystem preservation.

0023015-001

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.

0023016-001

I am writing you to day as an owner of US public lands. I am requesting that you designate the Copper River Delta wetlands, important areas in Prince William Sound (Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays) and rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla rivers as protected wilderness areas.

0023030-001

I strongly urge you to recommend wilderness designation for several area of the Copper River Delta in Alaska.

0023033-001

I am writing to you in regards to an article that I read in the National Wildlife Federation's, 'Environ-action', newsletter.

I have been informed that the Forest Service in Alaska has released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement, for the Chugach National Forest. I was disappointed to hear that the wetland habitat in the Copper River Delta is not on the wilderness protection list. This is frustrating, I understand, that some shorebirds and waterfowl will lose their habitat. These along with brown bears, wolves and other wild animals, may also lose their existence. The aesthetic losses of the Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla rivers, should be loss enough for Alaska.

There are also some areas like Prince William Sound that I understand are a devastation recovery area, from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Areas like the Knight and Montague Islands, and the Sawmill and Jack Bays, need to be protected.

I would like to thank you for your time. I hope that something can be done, physically, to protect these habitats.

0023041-003

. For this reason I urge you designate the Copper River Delta and other sensitive areas of the Chugach National Forest as wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0023043-002

We are writing to you to express our hope that you will designate Alaska's Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0023045-001

I feel it would be a smart choice to designate Copper River Delta as a wilderness, because it would permanently preserve the precious and productive part of Alaska.

0023051-001

I am writing to strongly recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0023051-002

0023078-001

Please protect the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0023083-001

I urge you to recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river .

0023088-001

I am writing about the Copper River Delta. This area deserves complete protection.

0023115-002

The Copper River Dela special wilderness designations of the Copper River Delta wetlands (east & west of the Copper River) would [Illegible] long term. [Illegible] of these world-class [Illegible] and [Illegible] wildlife habitat. I would also reminder the following rules and [Illegible] be protected as wild [Illegible]: Copper (North & South), Martin, Bering, Katalla Rivers, [Illegible] , and Bering and Martin lakes.

0023123-001

I support more wilderness designation than in the preferred alternative:

The Copper River Delta should be managed for wildlife protection, wilderness, and recreation. Past congressional designations have indicated that Wilderness and wildlife/fisheries enhancement projects can coexist.

Comment # Comment

- 0023153-001 As a resident, I am requesting that you recommend wilderness for the Copper River Delta both east and west of the river, including all of the valuable wetlands that this community relies upon for survival.
- I ask that you also consider wilderness for areas such as Knight and Montague Islands, Jack and Sawmill Bays, and the head of Fidalgo and Gravina Bay to ensure the best restoration prescription for recovering species and habitat.
- 0023156-001 Wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands should include both sides of the river thereby providing permanent protection for salmon, birds and animal habitat.
- I also ask for wilderness designation for critical brown bear habitat and all eligible and scenic rivers including the Copper, Martin, Bering and Katalla rivers. Protection now is essential for the survival of these sensitive wetlands.
- 0023158-001
- I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity at this time to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.
- 0023167-003 One corporation has already begun building a road cross the Delta in order to clear-cut its land 55 miles east of the Copper River. .
Wilderness designation is needed to halt these incursions and maintain this fragile but still viable ecosystem.
- 0023168-001
- My husband and I, members of [Illegible] wildlife Federation that your recommended wilderness designation for there [Illegible] areas of the Delta:
1. The valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river. This would permanently protect the habitat the shorebirds and waterfowl the salmon brown bears wolves and more.
 2. The import ant ares in Prince William Sound like Knight and Montague Islands and Jack and Sawmill Bays, to help specie continue to recover from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
 3. Critical for brown bear habitat and all eligible wild and scenic rivers, including the Copper Martin, Bering and Kattalla rivers.
- 0023178-002 Designate the Copper River Delta as wilderness: We already know that this area is biologically rich. . Protecting habitat will protect the salmon resource for Cordova's commercial fishermen, upriver subsistence users like myself, and the natural food chain.
- 0023179-004 DESIGNATE Wilderness protection for the entire Copper River Delta

Comment # Comment

0023182-001 As a Cordovan and Alaskan Resident, I request that you recommend wilderness for the CRD, both east and west of the river, including all of the important wetlands that we rely on so much. . I do not think that 501 (b) 2 provides adequate protection from the very real threat of clear cuts, oil and gas production, coal mines, and large scale tourism.

0023183-001

Please recommend to the Forest Service that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0023184-001 Dear Forest Service People,
Here's another voice, I hope not crying in the wilderness, who opts for wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta section of the Chugach along with other valuable sections of the Chugach that will protect Prince William sound.

This action would benefit:

1. Protect the Copper River Delta wetlands habitats for salmon, resident and migratory shore birds & resident mammals including bears & Wolves... oh yes, & myriad of waterfowl.
2. Bays & islands in Prince William sound to help water dependent species to continue their recovery from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.
3. Critical brown bear habitat in the Copper, Martin, Bering, & Katalla river areas.

Developers will increasingly demand access to the Chugach.

0023185-001

I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated as a wilderness area.

0023190-001 I URGE you to recommend wilderness designation for the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands

0023191-001

Thus I advocate that the Copper River Delta wetlands receive full wilderness designation and the protections thereby conferred.

0023194-001

I am writing to inform you of my concern for the Copper River Delta I strongly urge you to see that the area is designated a wilderness area

Comment # Comment

0023197-001

I am writing to lend my support to the Copper River Delta being designated as a Wilderness Area.

0023202-001

. I read that very soon a decision will be made regarding the management of the Cooper River Delta. This unique and fragile ecosystem should be given a 'wilderness' designation.

0023335-001

Alaska has so many regions that have their greatest values in an undisturbed natural condition and the Copper River Delta region qualifies as one of those. I strongly urge you to recommend wilderness designation for this region.

0023403-001

We urge you to recommend the Copper River Delta for designation as a wilderness.

0024304-001

0025963-001

0026258-001

I urge you to please recommend the designation of the Copper River Delta area as wilderness, and protect it, we have to.

0026273-001

I am writing to urge you to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

0026639-002

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.

Comment # Comment

0026642-001

I am writing to ask that you recommend permanent protection for the Copper River Delta by designating it a Wilderness.

0026643-001

My letter is written in support of a wilderness designation for all of the Copper River wetlands, both east and west of the river.

0026644-001

This letter is in support of permanent protection of the unique wilderness of the Copper River Delta. I urge you to give this area a wilderness designation that would allow traditional activities such as hunting, fishing, and motorized access for subsistence purposes -- while keeping commercial development to a minimum.

0029100-001

Wilderness:
COPPER RIVER DELTA - All of the River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

0029102-001

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.

0029103-001

We want the Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta find to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta. Please keep all logging roads out and do not let this pristine area become ruined!

0029105-001

We are requesting Wilderness Designation for Alaska's Copper River Delta.

0029113-002

Wilderness is the only option that will adequately protect the Delta and its fisheries from clear cutting, oil and gas drilling, and large scale tourism. I understand that all current activities that are enjoyed in the region are allowed under the Wilderness prescription.

I request that you recommend wilderness for the CRD, both east and west of the river, including all of the important wetlands that we rely on so much.

Comment # Comment

0029114-001

Wilderness Is the only option that will adequately protect the Delta and its fisheries from clear cutting, oil and gas drilling, and large scale tourism. I understand that all current activities that are enjoyed in the region are allowed under the Wilderness prescription.

As a Cordovan and Alaskan Resident, I request that you recommend wilderness for the CRD, both east and west of the river, including all of the important wetlands that we rely on so much.

0026286-001

The Forest Service is considering options for managing the Copper River Delta. I urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area!

0026286-002

The Forest Service is considering options for managing the Copper River Delta. I urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area!

0026287-001

Please recommend wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta,

0026289-001

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

0026289-002

I urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area!

0026292-001

This letter is to strongly urge the U.S. Forest Service to designate the Copper River Delta of Alaska as wilderness.

0026327-002

Please work to have the copper river delta be designated as a wilderness area

0026349-001

I am writing to urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

Comment # Comment

0026350-001

I am writing to you to urge the National Forest Service to permanently protect the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness area.

0026352-001

There fore I recommend that the copper river delta be designated a wilderness area, forever.

0026362-001

I am writing to encourage you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a Wilderness Area.

0026364-001

Please include the copper river delta in the Chugach system for wilderness preservation.

0026368-001

I encourage you to revise the Forest Service 'preferred alternative' and permanently protect the Copper River Delta with a wilderness area designation.

0026371-001

I recommend that the copper river delta be designated a wilderness area!

0026372-001

I ask you to act firmly to have the Copper River Delta and surrounding National Forest designated as wilderness areas.

0026374-001

Please designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area!

0026378-001

Please rethink the DEIS for a national treasure, the Chugach. As a concerned citizen I must demand wilderness protection for the very valuable wetland habitat of the Copper River Delta.

Comment # Comment

0026382-001

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the Copper River Delta. I think it is imperative that this beautiful evolution of unfettered nature be designated a protected wilderness area for the following reasons:

0026384-001

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I am writing to urge recommendation that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area with all protections that this provides.

0026387-001

I urge you to recommend wilderness designation for the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands, both east and west of the river to protect the habitat of salmon, shorebirds, waterfowl, brown bears etc.

0026391-001

I am writing about the Copper River Delta and the surrounding areas. I believe that it is imperative that these lands be designated as wilderness so that this fragile ecosystem can be preserved.

0026417-001

0026424-001

I just received an e-mail regarding the wilderness situation around the Copper River Delta area and I wanted to write and encourage the salvation of these lands because it is evident that these lands play a vital role in our ecosystem. I cannot imagine the trauma that the environment would endure should these events occur. Please help to save these pristine ecological areas.

0026441-001

Please recommend Wilderness for all of the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

0026461-001

My wife and I want to indicate our strong support of Wilderness Designation for the coastal lands of the Copper River Delta. Clearly, this region and its wetlands are of global biological significance. We have long experience in Alaska with many years of research on migratory shorebirds (sponsored by National Geographic). Some of our studies have involved the radio-tracking of migrants from Hawaii to the CRD. Given the hemispheric importance of the CRD for migratory birds, it would be tragic if the region does not receive the maximum protection possible.

Comment # Comment

0026463-001

The need for such a letter has become clear as more and more of our public lands are being cut. I urge you to enforce the idea of management in the Copper River Delta by making this area into a wilderness area. . Probably the most important of the species are the native people who call Alaska their home. Without the fishing and hunting way of life that is supported by the Cooper River Delta ecosystem, these people could not survive.

0026464-001

I would like to add my comments to those you are receiving about the Copper River Delta.

As a citizen, I would like to see this area preserved as wilderness.

0026465-001

We support a Wilderness Designation for the Copper River Delta. It is not in the best interests of future generations to allow road building, clear cutting, and strip mining in this environmentally sensitive area. Please do all in your power to protect commercial fishing, native culture, and all wildlife that inhabits the delta.

0026466-001

We wish to inform you that we both strongly oppose any development of the Copper River Delta area, this means no roads!!! for any purpose.

We wish to implore you to do whatever you can to forestall such a situation and to protect the destiny of the wildlife and the wilderness that exists there.

0026469-001

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

0026470-001

Comments: I 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.

0026471-001

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

0026475-001

. I would like to see Copper River Delta in Alaska be a permanent protected wilderness area.

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0026477-001

we support the wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta. We support the original draft which called for nearly 2.3 million acres to become wilderness. Please do not remove the wetlands mosaic of the southeastern quarter of the Delta from this plan.

0026478-001

we respectfully request your support for the Forest Service to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern portion of the delta.

0026481-001

This letter is in support of wilderness designation for the wetland portion of the Copper River Delta near Cordova, Alaska.

0026483-001

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

0026488-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend Alaska's Copper River Delta, in particular the wetlands, as wilderness.

0026490-001

I strongly urge Wilderness designation for Alaska's Copper River Delta, particularly the Wetlands, which are invaluable.

0026495-001

Please do everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0026496-001

I urge the Forest Service to do everything in its power to stop plans for logging & mining in the Copper River Delta. Please let that area continue to provide life to its wild citizens, without threat of human interference.

0026524-001

In the Chugach Forest, the Copper River Delta is such an important staging area for migratory birds, that I would like to see it given wilderness status by inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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0026526-001 I am writing to urge you to recommend wilderness protection for all the Copper River Delta wetlands both east and west of the river.

0026532-001

I would like to encourage you and the USFS to do absolutely everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta. Furthermore, a Wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta is imperative. Please send me any further information or contacts regarding this very important area.

0026553-003

Concerning the Copper River Delta I urge you to include the Copper River Delta wetlands east and west of the river as wilderness areas. Please reinclude the southeastern part of the Delta as well. Please consider the following lakes as wilderness as well; Copper, Bering, Martin and the Katalla Rivers and Alaganik Slough.

0026579-001

I am writing this email note in strong support of the move to permanently protect the Copper River Delta as a Wilderness area. I was lucky enough to visit the Copper River area this spring, and was simply awed by its pristine beauty and enormity. Designating it as a wilderness area would ensure that future generations would also have the grace to be stunned by its beauty. It is one of those places on earth that leave an indelible impression on those who see it, and is an irreplaceable resource that should be treasured and protected. Please make sure that under your stewardship it is.

0026580-003

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

0026664-001

Preserve the Copper River Delta forever by recommending it be designated a wilderness area!

0026666-001

I strongly urge the Forest Service to act in the best interests of our nation and designate the Copper River Delta as wilderness!

0026670-001

I am writing to urge you, as a Forest Service representative, to strongly recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

Comment # Comment

0026675-001 I urge you to extend full and permanent wilderness protection to all lands in the Copper River Delta, Controller Bay, and Prince William Sound. . The 501 (b)2 designation currently proposed for the Copper River Delta does not afford the permanent protection that this critical wetland/estuarine complex so richly deserves and requires for its long-term viability.

0026676-003 I also encourage you to recommend these places for Wilderness Status: ; 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.

0026684-003 * Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0026687-001

I am writing to urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0026689-001

Please save the Copper River Delta by designating it a wilderness area.

0026697-001

Please declare the Copper River Delta a wilderness.

0026699-001

I urge you to recommend wilderness designation for these critical areas of the Delta:

0026701-001

. I believe the following areas should become wilderness based on their extraordinary natural features.

- Copper River wetlands & Delta east & west of the river

0026703-001

I am writing in support of designating the entire Copper River Delta as a wilderness area.

Comment # Comment

0026718-005

Protect Copper River with a wilderness status

0026736-001

* Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0026745-003

-- Copper River Delta. The Delta is a magical place, truly a national gem. As I understand, Teddy Roosevelt created the Chugach Forest to protect the Copper River area from the robber baron's who sought the Delta's rich coal and timber resources. Now, almost one hundred years later, the Forest Service should respect Roosevelt's legacy and preserve the Delta from the modern-day robber barons. I support designating the entire Delta as wilderness, particularly those areas east of the Copper River.

0026752-002

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):

0026756-001

I am writing this email note in strong support of the move to permanently protect the Copper River Delta as a Wilderness area.

0026758-001

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.

0026762-003

3. The Copper River Delta wetlands are another must to protect with a Wilderness designation for its fisheries and critical wildlife/bird habitat.

0026771-001

I am writing to you today to urge the Forest Service to designate the Copper River Delta a wilderness area.

0026772-001

Mr. Gibbons, I'm writing to ask you to designate the Copper River Delta as a wilderness area and here are a few of my reasons.

Comment # Comment

0026815-001

I think the wilderness prescription for the Copper River Delta is specifically tailored to accommodate existing uses including fish and wildlife management; salmon hatcheries; conservation and perpetuation of commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries; and motorized use for hunting, fishing, and recreation and I support the designation.

0026819-003

* Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0026822-003

* Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0026833-002

* Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0026835-002

* Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0026838-001

In regards to the Chugach National Forest Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

I recommend wilderness for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta;

0026840-002

* Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0026847-001

I support the Wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta and I strongly urge the Forest Service to designate all of the public land in the eastern Copper River Delta and the wetlands in the western Delta as Wilderness. I am not requesting just any wilderness; I want the wilderness prescription that the Forest Service and community tailored to this area - the one that many Cordovans worked on with the Forest Service.

Fish and wildlife conservation has been a top priority and we want this to continue and we also want our presence and our activities to continue.

I think the wilderness prescription for the Copper River Delta is specifically tailored to accommodate existing uses including fish and wildlife management; salmon hatcheries; conservation and perpetuation of commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries; and motorized use for hunting, fishing, and recreation and I support the designation.

Comment # Comment

0026879-001

I am writing to urge you to designate the Copper River Delta a wilderness area.

0026887-003

In addition, the Forest Service should seize the present opportunity to preserve this magnificent region by designating the Delta as wilderness.

0026888-001

I wish to submit the following comments on the Forest Plan Revision:

1) Protect all of the Copper River Delta (east & west of the river) as wilderness to assure protection of the wild salmon and the shorebirds and wildlife and the livelihood of the people such as the fisherman who have long depended on these resources.

0026889-001

. Please recommend the Delta be designated Wilderness.

0026893-001

I would like to recommend the wilderness for the sake of saving the Copper River Delta for the animals and nature

0026897-001

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.

0026898-001

I strongly urge the USFS to recommend that all of the Copper River Delta wetlands be set aside as wilderness area which will serve to protect birds, salmon, wolves and bears of the region from the ravaging effects of the timber and oil industries. The nation and indeed, the world, has so little wilderness areas left because of the greed of a few who rely on raping these pristine areas all over the world I beg you to save this beautiful area before it is too late.

0026899-001

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.

Comment # Comment

0026902-001

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

0026906-001

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

0026907-001

Please recommend the entire Copper River Delta wetlands (or wilderness status).

0026911-001

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.

0026913-001

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

0026917-001

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

0026920-001

I urge the Forest Service to recommend a wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta wetlands east and west of the river I feel it is vitally important to permanently protect the habitat of the wildlife in that area and prevent further encroachment of industry in this ecologically vital setting.

0026921-001

Please add my name to the list of people urging the Forest Service to recommend a wilderness designation for all the wetlands of the Copper River Delta I believe this designation is the best way to balance intelligent and managed development with preservation of habitat and respectful use of the land by all interested parties Indiscriminate development can only lead to the destruction of one of the last treasures on earth.

Comment # Comment

0026922-001

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 .

0026923-001

Please consider adding Copper River Delta to your plan for adding wilderness

0026925-001

We all know how important wetlands are, and the wetlands of the Copper River Delta are especially important for the well-being of the environment there and all who live in it and depend on it. Please include the wetlands in the wilderness designation and protection process.

0026928-001

I am writing to urge that the Copper River Delta in Alaska and other wild areas of the Chugach National Forest be recommended for wilderness

0026934-001

Please leave this Copper River Delta area untouched wilderness.

0026935-001

The Copper River Delta needs to be protected as wilderness.

0026942-001

Please consider this my official request that the forest service recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0026946-001

Please place all of the Copper River Delta wetlands under wilderness designation protection.

Comment # Comment

0026949-001

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

0026951-001

I have been hiking the area by the Copper River for most of my life and know it to be an amazing place. This area needs Wilderness status and protection.

0026954-001

Please declare all of the Copper River delta as wilderness. Once man invades pristine areas with roads and activities that roads permit and encourage, the wilderness and the wildlife can never recover.

0026955-001

Please set aside ALL of the Copper River Delta wetlands (both sides of the river) as a protected Wilderness area This will permanently protect the habitats of many valued and endangered animals.

0026955-002

A Wilderness classification 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.

0026958-001

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

0026959-001

As a resident of southcentral Alaska, I know just how important our wetlands are. Wilderness designation for the entire delta would be good for the the tourism and fisheries industries.

0026961-001

. A wilderness designation is the only way to permanently protect sensitive areas such as the Copper River Delta and its wild and scenic rivers and lakes.

0026972-001

Please dedicate the Copper River Delta wetlands to wilderness so that we do not end up like others who had no foresight or refused to use it.

Comment # Comment

0026974-001

I recommend Wilderness status for all of the Copper River Delta, including the wetlands east and west of the river.

0026976-001

Enclosed you will find comments from hundreds of consumers of wild Copper River salmon from all across the country. The habitat of these famous salmon need permanent wilderness protection.

Also enclosed is a box of the wild Copper River smoked salmon. The Delta's salmon could be at risk without the protection wilderness affords.

protect the Delta with wilderness.

0026995-002

Most emphatically - The Copper River Delta must be protected! Any further roads or development in this area would be criminal - This is a world class fisheries & wildlife habitat. It must have a wilderness designation! Why this and other areas have not yet been protected is incomprehensible.

0026996-001

I am a birder and would love to see the Copper River Delta wetlands be designated wilderness. This vital migratory area would be true asset for generation to enjoy as well as provide permanent protection for the wild life utility the Delta.

0026997-002

2. The [Illegible] and critical wildlife habitat of the Copper River Delta wetlands is best [Illegible] by a wilderness designation.

0026998-001

The Copper River Delta wetlands should be designated wilderness. Having birded that area [Illegible] it is essential that it all be wilderness.

0026999-001

The ecological & economic values of the Copper River Delta wetlands would be best protected by a wilderness designation.

0027006-001

It is necessary this wilderness classification be placed on both sides of the Copper River Delta in order to guard the delta from depleting its priceless wetland habitat.

0027014-004

Protect Copper River with a wilderness states.

Comment # Comment

0027027-001

We strongly support the wilderness designation of the Copper River Delta,

0027601-001

The area that is of most concern to Cordovans currently is the southeast portion of the Copper River delta, that area which encompasses the Martin River valley, Katalla, and Bering River and Lake. This is an area that locals here have been hunting, fishing, and trapping in for many years, in some families even generations. It is essentially our 'back yard'. I have spent some time on the ground in this area, hunting for moose and fishing for salmon. I would like this area to remain free of large scale industrial projects, and continue to be a wild area supporting a diverse population of fish and wildlife.

0027601-005

In summation, I will say that I agree with the intention of a Wilderness designation to protect the east delta from further development, but feel that the designation is likely to become overly restrictive as a practical matter to the residents of Cordova.

0027613-003

I personally support a Wilderness prescription for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands on both the east and west sides of the river. I was disappointed that the preferred alternative listed by the planning team only included Wilderness for the northeast portion of the Copper River Delta. As you know, this is mostly mountain tops and glaciers. It is the wetlands that need protection!

0027613-005

Wilderness would protect the habitat of wild salmon, shorebirds and waterfowl, brown bears, wolves and other wildlife of the Copper River Delta. Wilderness is the only way to permanently protect the Delta from development pressure to clear-cut the forest, mine for coal, drill for oil and gas, and build roads and lodges for large-scale industrial tourism.

0027613-007

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.

0027617-001

It is necessary this Wilderness classification be placed on both sides of the Copper River Delta in order to guard the delta from depleting its priceless wetland habitat.

0027619-001

I am writing to urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

Please use your influence to save the Delta by recommending its designation as a wilderness area.

Comment # Comment

0027624-001

I am writing to strongly urge the Forest Service to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated as a Wilderness area. . Please recommend the Delta be designated Wilderness.

0027625-003

I would like to respectfully suggest the following improvements to the Preferred Alternative:

3. The Copper River Delta should receive Wilderness Designation.

0027681-001

Please do all you can to make sure the Copper River Delta becomes a designated wilderness area.

0027700-001

Please do everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans in the Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the Delta.

0027709-001

I am writing to urge you to protect the Copper River Delta as wilderness.

0027896-001

I visited The Copper River Delta & Cordova two years ago. I urge you agency to provide wilderness protection to The Delta and the surrounding National Forest lands.

0028101-001

I believe these [Illegible] in the Chugach would be better protected in [Illegible] by designating certain areas as wilderness in specific - The economic & environment of the Copper River Wetlands would be best protected by having this area a wilderness area.

0028231-001

Please for [Illegible] the [Illegible] letter to urge the Forest Service to recommend than the Copper River Delta be designated wilderness area.

[Illegible] at a loss to the US & the world if road construction & logging, coal mining, oil and gas development are allowed.

0028254-001

I am writing to you today in regard to the Copper River Delta. It is my firm belief that this area should be designated a wilderness area. The Copper River Delta can, should, and must be preserved, so that all can marvel at its grandeur and beauty.

Comment # Comment

0028255-001

I am writing to you today in regard to the Copper River Delta. It is my firm belief that this area should be designated a wilderness area. The Copper River Delta can, should, and must be preserved, so that all can marvel at its grandeur and beauty.

0028258-001

Yes, the Copper River Delta should be designated a wilderness.

0028261-002

I recommend as wilderness and all the wilderness of the valuable Copper River Delta River Wetlands.

0028286-001

I am writing you this letter to encourage you to recommend that the Copper River Delta area of Alaska be designated a wilderness area.

0028293-001

Please recommend wilderness designation for these critical areas of the Delta:

0028306-001

I am writing to you today in regard to the Copper River Delta. It is my firm belief that this area should be designated a wilderness area.

0028308-001

I am writing to you today in regard to the Copper River Delta. It is my firm belief that this area should be designated a wilderness area.

0028310-001

I support wilderness for the Copper River Delta.

0028317-001

I am writing to express my strong support for Wilderness designation of the Copper River Delta here in Cordova.

I understand that the fishermen's organization (CDFU) has opposed the wilderness designation, and I would like to point out that there are many members of CDFU which do not agree with the very vocal leaders.

Comment # Comment

0028347-001

I am writing to recommend wilderness for all of the wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river. . Please recognize and take the necessary actions to ensure the protection of the Copper River Delta.

0028365-001

. I demand immediate wilderness designation of the Copper River Delta, not just the rock and ice.

0028371-002

Copper River Delta: Protect as Wilderness

0028500-003

Copper River Delta and to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the area.

0028530-001

Therefore, I urge you, implore you, to designate the Delta as wilderness. As I understand [Illegible] this would stop oil & gas drilling as well as logging mining & road building in the forest. I support a wilderness designation which allows commercial & subsistence fishing, permits fisheries research & rehabilitation activities & hunting.

0028531-001

We are pleased to learn that the Forest Service is developing a management plan for the Chugach, including some wilderness designation. However, it is disappointing that these omit some of the most important wildlife and marine areas - [Illegible] the Copper River Delta.

0028533-001

I STRONGLY REQUEST
WILDERNESS PROTECTION FOR THE COPPER RIVER DELTA

Please recommend Wilderness, East and West of the Copper River

0028536-001

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Please recommend Wilderness, East and West of the Copper River

0028536-002

In addition to wilderness, please do everything in your power to work with Chugach Alaska Corporation to find a solution other than building the proposed road across the Eastern Delta

Comment # Comment

0028557-001

The Copper River Delta deserves to be designated wilderness to protect for present and future generations this 'one of a kind' ecosystem.

0028560-001

As a Cordovan and Alaskan Resident, I request that you recommend wilderness for the CRD, both east and west of the river.

I do not think that 501 (b) 2 provides adequate protection from the very real threat of clear cuts, oil and gas production, coal mines, and large scale tourism.

0028574-001

I am in favor of wilderness protection for all of the Copper River Delta.

0029035-001

As a Cordova resident I would like to request that the Preferred Alternative be changed so that the Copper River Delta is recommended as a Wilderness area. Many people in this area, feel this land will be best kept in its natural state.

0029090-001

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

0029092-001

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

0029095-002

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

0029115-001

As a Cordovan and Alaskan Resident, I request that you recommend wilderness for the CRD, both east and west of the river..

0029125-003

I also urge that the following areas be recommended as wilderness areas: Copper River Delta Wetlands (east and west of the River);

Comment # Comment

0029138-002

I urge you to designate the Copper River delta as Wilderness to protect the area for its immense value to wildlife.

0029156-001

Just a brief note to state that I am opposed to wilderness designation on the C.R. delta and I support CDFU and the City of Cordova's positions.

0029161-001

I am a commercial fisherman on the Copper River. I also am a registered guide with a special use permit allowing me to conduct hunts on the Chugach National Forest, I am very opposed to wilderness designation, especially on the Bering and Copper Rivers because of the possible implications this designation may have on our ability to use this Forest in the traditional ways that we have.

0029167-001

I support C.D.F.U. and the city of Cordova's position on the wilderness designation on the Copper river delta.

0029174-001

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

0029175-001

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.

0029176-001

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0029179-002

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0029192-001

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

Comment # Comment

0029193-001

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

0029213-001

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

0029214-001

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

0029217-001

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

0029218-001

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

0029219-001

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

0029220-004

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0029255-001

Preserving the Delta by purchasing a conservation easement on CAC's inholding and designating the Delta as wilderness would better serve the needs of people and wildlife.

0029255-002

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0029258-005

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0029259-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0029260-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0029314-001

I support wilderness for the Copper River Delta.

0029354-001

I would like to recommend wilderness status for all the wetlands of the copper river delta, both east and west of the river.

0029355-001

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

0029362-001

I am communicating with you in order to seek wilderness protection for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river,

0029370-001

I am going on record to recommend wilderness protection for ALL of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, BOTH east and west of the river.

0029374-001

We recommend a wilderness designation for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river,

Comment # Comment

0029391-001

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Please preserve the Chugach wilderness Area and the Copper River Delta as roadless preserved wilderness areas.

0029413-001

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

0029424-001

I would like to see the plan include protecting wilderness for ALL productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta, both east and west of the river.

0029427-001

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

0029428-001

I am requesting Wilderness for all the Copper River Delta on both sides of the River ,

0029455-002

A wilderness designation would prevent incremental development of the Delta; honor statutory obligations to conserve the region's fish, wildlife, and habitat; and serve the interests of fishing-dependent Cordova by protecting the region's world-class salmon runs and maintaining a way of life.

0029467-001

I am writing in support of a wilderness designation for all of the Copper River Delta.

0029478-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0029479-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

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- 0029480-002 *Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.
- Please help protect the spectacular rivers of the Chugach National Forest.
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0029489-004 *Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

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- 0029498-003 *Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.
- 0029499-003 *Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.
- 0030164-001 The Forest Service should recommend that the Copper River Delta be permanently protected as a wilderness area
- 0030169-001 Please consider wilderness protection for the valuable Copper River Delta.
- 0030216-001 I am writing to support wilderness designation for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands on both areas of the river.
- Please protect the wetlands, not just the mountain tops and glaciers. Please designate the entire Eastern half of the Delta (east of the Copper River & the road) as wilderness as well as wetlands in the Western Delta.
- 0030449-001 Please recommend wilderness status for the Copper River Delta:
- 0030674-001 The forest revision plan for the Chugach National Forest does not recommend wilderness protections for any valuable wetland habitat of the Copper River Delta. these lands require wilderness designation protection for wetlands East & West of the River. Also Knight & Montague Island and Jack & Sawmill Bays. Also the eligible areas of Copper, Martin, Bering, and Katalla Rivers, and the brown bear habitats.
- 0031850-001 We strongly urge you to designate the Copper River Delta a wilderness area.

Comment # Comment

0032251-001

I urge you to reconsider your recommendation and give wilderness protection to the Copper River Delta wetlands!

0034182-002

Lastly, protect the Copper River Basin/Delta as a wilderness area.

0034194-001

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

0034198-003

3. I would like to see WILDERNESS PROTECTION extended to the wetlands of the Copper River Delta on both east and west sides of the river.

0034203-001

I would ask that you consider wilderness protection for all of the Copper River Delta, the last such undisturbed sight on the Pacific Flyway. 16 million shorebirds flock here twice-a-year, and the vast complex of wetlands and rivers is one of the great wild places in North America.

0034204-001

*recommend all the valuable Copper River Delta wetlands as wilderness, both east and west of the river.

0034205-001

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

0034208-001

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

0034215-003

3. Copper River Delta should be designated Wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0034216-001

I support 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 development pressure to clear-cut the forest, mine for coal, drill for oil and gas, and build roads and lodges for large scale industrial tourism.

I strongly urge you to designate the entire eastern half of the Delta as well as the western wetlands of the Delta as WILDERNESS.

0034224-001

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.

0034226-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0034227-002

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0034231-002

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0034232-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0034251-001

Specifically: I recommend Wilderness for the areas both east and west of the Copper River, including all of the wetlands.

0034270-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0034300-004

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0034301-004

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0034302-002

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0034378-002 *Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

Comment # Comment

0034404-001

We are writing regarding the Copper River Delta, urging you and the Forest Service to do everything in your power to stop logging and mining plans there. We urge you to pursue wilderness designation for the eastern half of the delta.

0034416-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0034426-001

I personally support a Wilderness prescription for all of the Copper River Delta wetlands on both the east and west sides 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.

0034429-004

d) We support Wilderness for the Copper River Delta area as proposed by the National Wildlife Federation.

0034438-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0034439-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0034440-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0034453-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0034454-003

I also support a wilderness recommendation for the Eastern Copper River Delta. Such a designation will protect fish and wildlife habitat and one of the most magnificent rivers in Alaska.

Comment # Comment

0034455-002

*Seize the present opportunity to preserve magnificent Copper River Delta by designating the region as wilderness.

0034534-001

Recommendations:- Recommend wilderness for all of the Copper River Delta, especially the productive and fragile wetland areas east and west of the river.

0034535-001

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0034568-001

Chugach better off to develop prudence

As a Native shareholder of the Cordova region I am very concerned about the proposed CAC oil and gas exploration, KADCO coal mining, and timber extraction slated to occur on the Copper River Delta over the next few years. These activities are incompatible with the fishery, and they damage salmon streams. We can look all over the rest of the continent and find examples of wetlands destroyed and fishing or subsistence reduced to virtually nothing. If this is what it means to exercise my self-determination as a Native person, then I fear that what we will leave for our children will be pipelines, clear-cuts and strip-mines.

Wilderness is our best option to exercise the right to protect this area from the same foolishness that has destroyed many other small fishing communities. According to the U.S. Forest Service, we have another 60 days or so to comment on the final revision of the Chugach forest plan.

Due to ANILCA, Wilderness allows all of the things that Cordovans have come to rely upon, such as hunting, snowmachines, motorboats, airplanes, fishery and wildlife research and enhancement, subsistence, and personal use forest products and firewood.

The rumor that Wilderness will cause hardship by denying us access or privilege, is false and misleading. The rumor that Wilderness will in any way affect the tidelands or the management of commercial fisheries is a fallacy. The threats to our way of life from unnecessary extraction and development sprawl, far outweigh the imagined threats from special designations such as Wilderness.

0034570-001

I support wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

Comment # Comment

0034581-001 What does 'wilderness' mean on the Copper River Delta?

There seems to be considerable confusion in Cordova, journalists included, about what a 'wilderness' designation in the new Chugach National Forest Plan would mean on the Copper River Delta.

"Wilderness' in Alaska means something different than it does in the Lower 48 and 'wilderness' as proposed for the Copper River Delta means something different than it does in the rest of Alaska,' said Cal Baker, Cordova District ranger for the Chugach National Forest.

According to the Revised Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chugach, there are three different options proposed for management of the Copper River Delta. All are based in Section 501 B of the Alaska National Interest Lands, Conservation Act (ANILCA).

'The delta is a really unique situation,' said Tony Turrini of the National Wildlife Federation in Anchorage.

Unique in that all three of the options under consideration permit 'traditional' motorized access to the region for the harvest of subsistence foods. Two of the options even permit helicopter access for prospecting and none of them immediately deny Cordova-area residents any of the activities they have customarily engaged in on the delta.

The environmental community assures residents of the region that a wilderness designation will mean no change.

Rick Rogers, land manager for Chugach Alaska Corp., which owns major resource rights in the area, doesn't think the Forest Service has the legal standing to modify ANILCA.

'ANILCA speaks for itself.' Rogers said. 'Our position is that the forest service can't change the law that was established by Congress.'

Rogers is concerned that a wilderness designation is a slippery slope leading to the limiting of Chugach Alaska's economic options.

'They (environmentalists) try to soft-pedal this as no change, but once you put a capital 'W' on it, it never gets better.'

Rogers' opinion was seconded by Sue Aspelund, Cordova District Fishermen United's executive director. She said she thought the 'no-net-change' wilderness designation is pure fiction promulgated by Outside environmentalists and, perpetuated by Alaskan environmentalists.

The environmental community has countered that only a wilderness designation can guarantee protection of the status quo.

Aspelund thinks that's just whistling in the dark and once the thing hatches, there's no telling where it will go.

Baker admitted that once the plan goes to Congress, it's out of everybody's hands and that once a plan is adopted, there's no guarantee that it won't evolve into something unrecognizable.

'The way the plan is designed is to accommodate all existing uses,' Baker said. 'But that isn't to say Congress won't do something else with it.'

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Baker said the existing legal direction of a wilderness designation would be to the least restrictive option, but that's not necessarily the end of the story.

I have to admit that I know of no case where a wilderness designation hasn't grown more restrictive,' Baker said.

There's nothing to be gained, however, by not negotiating. Baker, The subsistence quandary currently facing Alaska as an example of where standing on principle ran counter to the prospects of survival, he added.

Letters to the Editor

Keeping the Delta the same

I am writing this letter to encourage people to comment on the Chugach National Forest land plan revisions, I'm not even going to tell you what to say, I'm just going to share some of my thoughts, especially how important it is for your voice to be heard, right now, on an issue that is critical to our future.

I was disappointed with the article by Jon Holland in the Nov. 2 issue. He stated that 'a wilderness designation locks up the forest, essentially banning everything but foot traffic.' That's not the case here.

The Forest Service planning team came to Cordova many times and they listened to us. What they heard is what we keep saying at every single meeting: We want things to stay the same.

So the Forest Service came up with a wilderness prescription that would meet the local needs but not rock the boat too much with the larger public. After all, we live in a national forest and every citizen in the U.S. has a right to comment on the future of public land.

The wilderness prescription is specifically tailored to accommodate existing uses, including fish and wildlife management; conservation and perpetuation of commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries; and motorized use for hunting and fishing. In other words, it does keep things the same from our perspective.

This wilderness prescription has the added benefit of making it more difficult for development interests that compete with and could potentially harm our fisheries to extract minerals (coal, oil and gas), clear-cut, or construct major roads and supporting infrastructure for development.

I don't consider myself anti-development. But I am very selective in what types of development I would like to see in this area. I want to encourage businesses and growth that are compatible with our commercial fisheries such as sustainable forestry, small lodges and small scale tourism that respects our diverse culture, our wild lands, and our wildlife. I believe to have these businesses and market this area as wild (Wild Copper River Salmon -- Taste the Difference), we need to actively discourage other competing businesses.

I also don't consider myself 'extreme' in my views. Rather I consider what has happened to our public forests in the Lower 48 as extreme -- the loss of more than half of our public wild lands and much of our fish and wildlife to development interests.

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The Forest Service here is in a bind. On one hand, they hear the residents say we want things to stay the same. On the other, they are getting more pressure to open up the Delta for development, in the past, the Forest Service has managed the Delta as de facto wilderness. The current pressures to develop the Delta did not exist during most of the years that the current management plan was in existence.

This has led me to the reluctant conclusion that if we truly want things to stay the same, the Forest Service now needs the political leverage it will gain from a wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta -- just in order to keep things the same. But I won't settle for just any wilderness. I want the wilderness' prescription that is tailored to this area--the one that many Cordovans worked on with the Forest Service. And I want it for all the land in the eastern Copper River Delta.

Please tell the Forest Service what you want. They are taking comments until Dec. 14 at Chugach National Forest Planning Team, 3301 C St. Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99503. And thank them for listening to us. They really did try to find a way to keep things the same.

--Riki Ott,
Cordova

Wilderness designation is no lockup

I would like to set the record straight with respect to the proposed Chugach National Forest plan revision. Last Thursday, the Cordova Times reported that a 'wilderness designation locks up the forest, essentially banning everything but foot traffic.' That claim is simply incorrect.

With extensive input from Cordovans, Cal Baker and other Forest Service staff have developed a wilderness prescription for the Copper River Delta that is specifically tailored to meet local needs while protecting the fragile Delta ecosystem from most harmful types of development. Among other things, a wilderness designation for the Delta would guarantee reasonable access to private lands, allow snowmachines, motorboats, and airplanes for traditional activities, and authorize the use of airboats for hunting and fishing. Furthermore, an explicit goal of this unique wilderness is to maintain the region's commercial and subsistence fisheries.

In the scoping period of the revision, 84 percent of Cordovans asked that the north and southeastern portions of the Delta be Wilderness. Dave Gibbons decided not to listen to us (and instead to listen to certain development interests) and removed our wilderness prescription, at the obvious expense of our future fisheries and subsistence.

A wilderness designation wouldn't 'lock up' the Delta, it would be an enforceable commitment to protect our spectacular area while accommodating the uses that Cordovans' already enjoy. The Delta is already faced with proposals to build logging roads, strip mine coal, and drill for oil and gas -- and more development is sure to follow. It is unrealistic to think we can protect the Delta from these activities with a mediocre management plan that can be changed by the next Administration or Forest Supervisor. In the long run, a wilderness designation is the best way to preserve the Delta and the fisheries it sustains.

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0034585-001 I support a wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta.

0034755-001

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0034757-001

As a Cordova resident I would like to request that the Preferred Alternative be changed so that the Copper River Delta is recommended as a Wilderness area.

0034760-001

We recommend more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

0034776-001

-- Recommend wilderness designation for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River delta.

0034777-006

Please develop a wilderness protection plan that protects the Wild Chugach National Forest. I urge you to: * Recommend protection of the very productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta to the east and west of the river.

0034781-001

I respectfully urge the USDA Forest Service to:
(1) recommend wilderness for all of the productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta;

0034797-001

1. Recommend wilderness status for all productive wetlands of the Copper River Delta.

0034802-002

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

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0034817-001

I ask the U.S. Forest Service recommend all wild lands on the Chugach National Forest as wilderness. This recommendation should include all previously recommended areas in the preferred alternative, as well as the following:

- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

0034843-003

The Copper River Delta is an internationally significant wildlife area. The USFS needs to act to protect these irreplaceable resources by recommending wilderness designation for the area to put them out of reach for development or other resource damage.

0034861-001

1) Extend protection to the complete Copper River Delta including all wetlands on both sides of the river

0034862-001

I urge you to please urge our government to please designate more wilderness in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

- Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

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0034872-001

Designate the Copper River Delta wetlands as wilderness.

0034890-002

Mining, logging, oil, gas, coal, and industrial tourism interests are exploring development possibilities on the Delta, along with trails along the Copper River and massive road building. The cumulative effects of all this industry growth will only stimulate statewide allocation wars, such as ACR10.

A wilderness designation would help preserve and protect the Copper River Delta way of life, commercial fishing, subsistence, smoking King salmon and other Copper River salmon, ANCSA shareholder - 235/000 acres of Native conservation deals in PWS, wild animals, birds and marinelife, plants, Copper River rafting trips and remaining wild places from uncontrollable, desperate and irreversible development.

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The most extraordinary memory I will carry with me forever from my time in Alaska was a trip from Whittier to Cordova across the Prince William Sound. I got to see for 7 hours nonstop; forest, wildlife, and glaciers. But that was a small piece of heaven compared to my travels in and around Cordova. Green-carpeted forest accompanied by eagles, trumpet swans, Canadian geese, bears, and moose. That surrounded by fields of glaciers and the largest Delta on the pacific west coast moved me. I was jaw-dropped to see as far as the eye could see a place where the river still runs clean and wild, and where the animals roam free and healthy. If this were the last pristine place on Earth as we know it (and it very well might be), it would be man's swiftest and most graceful act to set it aside as wilderness area and protect it for future generations of visitors to see and for future generations of Natives to subsist from. This would show gratitude for the precious, delicate ecological balance of life.

0034892-007

I wish you the best and know this. If we do not receive wilderness in the areas that need it the most, and Cordova is destroyed by your negligence and the greed of corporations, I will hold you personally accountable and flood your office with faxes everyday until I die.

0034914-001

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

0034924-001

I support a wilderness designation for the Copper River Delta. It is the only way to protect the way of living for our future generations of people to come.

I'm for protecting all that has sustained me and my ancestors for thousands of years and Wilderness on the Copper River Delta will ensure that.

0035624-001

I am writing to strongly urge you to recommend that the Copper River Delta be designated a wilderness area.

0035642-001

I urge you not to allow the opportunity to slip away to protect and preserve the Copper River Delta for future generations of people and wildlife. Please recommend permanent protection of the Copper River Delta with a wilderness designation.

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0035820-001

Fortunately, the U.S. Forest Service may consider a Wilderness recommendation for the Copper River Delta which will limit much of the development and help protect the world famous Copper River salmon, the 16 million shorebirds and waterfowl, and countless other wildlife, and MOST importantly the lifestyle of the PEOPLE of the Delta.

- You do not want the Delta overrun by strip-mines, oil rigs, and clearcuts
- It's the largest intact wetlands ecosystem on the Pacific coast of North America
- The Delta is home to 16 million shorebirds and other waterfowl species
- Provides habitat for the world famous Copper River Salmon worth \$20 million annually.
- As a U.S. citizen, I have an interest in my national forests and want them protected for my children and future generations.
- It is home to endangered Dusky Canadian Geese, the largest nesting population of Trumpeter Swans, five wolf packs, moose, and brown bears

We urge you to declare Chugach National Forest and Copper River Delta - Wilderness Areas!

0035894-001

Please include more designated wilderness areas in the Chugach final management plan, specifically:

Copper River Delta: all the delta wetlands, both east and west of the river.

0035947-003

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

0035954-002

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.

0036181-003

0036201-002

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

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0036255-001

As a Cordova resident I would like to request that the Preferred Alternative be changed so that the Copper River Delta is recommended as a Wilderness area.

0036267-001

I urge you to take a stand to protect the salmon in the Copper River Delta.

0036309-004

7. I believe to prescription of wilderness for the eastern Copper River Delta & appropriate. Such a designation is incredibly foresighted. After spending considerable time in the area I think it represents one of valuable opportunity to save an undisturbed area for future generation to see and explore. This designation should become part of the final plan.