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- 0003-001 I have learned that the oil spill Council plans on turning 100 acres in Landlocked Bay into a State Park. I am a private owner in Landlocked Bay and strongly protest this! Please help me stop this fee acquisition. It will ruin my and the other private land owners use and enjoyment of our land. There are many more suitable bays in this part of PWS that do not have private land ownership that could be developed for a state park! PLEASE HELP ME.
- 0010-002 The Municipality of Anchorage is also responsible for regulating the use of private land holdings and interests within Portage and Twentymile River Valleys. As such we are interested in any activities the Forest Service may consider on its lands that may impact the use of private lands in the area.
- 0099-002 2. Immediate cessation of all extractive commercial activities (for all groups ie; native & other Americans) within the Forest
- 0136-005 If Applicable creation of a retriever area nonclosure of areas to special interest groups unless they are granted "user only areas"
- 0245-003 You should purchase the land currently owned by Chugach Alaska Native Corp., and protect the entire watershed and eco-system. Chugach Alaska Native Corp. Buy the land as land swap. Is it possible to use Exxon Valdez Money
- 0245-004 The Chugach Nat. Forest should control all of the land in the watershed. This is a unique, pristine wilderness system and this entire area should be protected, Chugach native lands
- 0249-005 without considering existing public land allocations @ federal, state & borough levels, there is a high probability of over-allocating some land uses and under-allocating others; i.e., example: wilderness, parks, wildlife refuges, if we already have a surplus, what are the legitimate reasons why more public land should be restricted to single, exclusive uses?
- 0295-008 7. EVOS HABITAT AREA EFFECTS -- Hundreds of thousands of acres of land in the Forest have been placed into de-facto wilderness, as wildlife habitat areas, purchased by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustees. These areas have been removed from surface economic uses such as timber harvesting and land development. The cumulative effects of these withdrawals which have occurred since the last CLMP plan was approved must be considered. These habitat areas have lessened the need for any further withdrawals, wilderness, or other special conservation units in the CNF.
- 0301-005 5. The plan and the maps don't even show the obtaining of vast acreages through the habitat acquisition program of the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council. If these lands are designated non-use, other lands should be available for development. Also the sub-surface are not owned by the Federal Government. This needs to be addressed and land swaps to consolidate ownerships need consideration. In summation, it appears that the Chugach National Forest is trying its utmost to become the Chugach National Park. This is baloney! Multiple use also means responsible timber and mineral development, not just recreation and wilderness. Thank you for your time
- 0321-006 Maintain the Russian River in public ownership, don't give it to CIRI.

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- 0337-001 One of my biggest concerns as someone who supports responsible development in Alaska is that the last filing we need is more federally owned lands within the state. It has come to my attention that as a result of some clandestine negotiations, the Chugach National Forest will be taking over management of several hundred thousand acres of land purchased by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council. This is land owned by Alaska Natives that is being purchased by the Council and then transferred to the Chugach National Forest. The RDC already has stated that the impact on the economic resource base of losing these holdings represents a significant concern. As the RDC has stressed, the Forest Service should balance increases in land withdrawals with increases in land available for balanced resource development. Further to this, I want to emphatically state my dissatisfaction with the manner in which these negotiations are being conducted behind closed doors and with the lack of public input and comment on the U.S. Forest Service gaining hundreds of thousands of additional acres. As a lifelong Alaskan, I feel we do not need more federally controlled land in Alaska. From my perspective, one of the fundamental issues Alaska has consistently faced as we attempt to have a voice in our destiny is that the federal government already owns two-thirds of the land in Alaska.
- 0341-001 Designations Determination of designations Closing of a area useable land Public awareness Justification for determination
- 0352-004 Allow ownership of Duck Cabins on Copper River Flats. ownership would solve the cabin problem. U.S.F.S. - Line Item Budget. Owners would buy 1/4 acre under acre.
- 0360-001 1. A. Management Div - Issues Cabin Lease structuring & appraisal - lease fees Amending ANILCA to permit transfer of leases. 2. A. Proposed lease fees do not reflect realistic prices in adjacent areas. Property has no real value as it can never be put up for sale.
- 0360-002 3. A. Taking in Access or Lack of Access when making appraisals Public has Access to all sites but Lessors are responsible for upkeep of site
- 0370-014 No gas line up the Russian.
- 0374-007 3) Develop downhill ski trails/mountainside at/on Tihaker Mountain.
- 0383-002 A. Acquire land around Valdez or designate areas with land which is not yet designated forest to stimulate interest & use (appears to be continued on back, but no copy) 4. A. Other state agencies people who own land which maybe suggested or ideal Forest Service acquisitions 1. A. 1) Acquire lands which are currently being logged/clear cut. 2) Also, acquire areas around Valdez to begin more active role. 2. A. 1) Because clear cutting is a sad picture in our Forests. 2) To enjoy our beauty in the N.E. Sound as well as other areas 3. A. It's hard to define feasibility of expansion when the Forest service is continually experiencing a reduction of funding. Expand to Valdez little by little (appears to be continued on back, but no copy) 4. A. Land owned by State & individuals & corporations
- 0383-003 5. A. as we see an influx of humans to Whittier via the new road system that issues of management will be tested like never before. Especially since we are traditionally underestimating volume of people from 1984 on!

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- 0387-002 1. A. Newly acquired LANDS... communicate directly with neighboring land owners during land management development to develop working relationship without developing problems. 2. A. The current land owners adjacent to new acquisition understand issue in regards to possible opportunities & best access locations, erosion problems, etc... 3. A. USFS should keep neighbor informed of possible management plans ask for suggestions & offer involvement to process. Funding is very low, low, very. NOTE - NEW LAND ACQUISITIONS - 4. A. Who is making the plan for this Tatitlek Land acquisition & its future management? I want to be part of this process/direction 5. A. It would provide a much need motorized vehicle use area in the Chugach Natl Forest. Would like to see a current breakdown of map on Internet of Evos Lands & proposed accesses
- 0415-001 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed simplified fee system. As you know, we lead day kayaking and sailing trips from Growler Island Camp in Prince William Sound. All our guests overnight at the camp. We wonder why our type of day trip has not been included. It would seem to fit well with the Short-Stop/Flat Fee Proposal: Non-motorized freshwater float boat trips. Why is this category limited to freshwater? I note that there is a boat & Lodge based shore excursions, but we hardly seem to fit this category and note that our business was not included in the calculations here. I am curious how you reached an assumption that time on NFS ranged from 5 to 60%? I note that this is used for all 6 types of proposed flat-fee categories although it seems unlikely that they would all fall into this identical range. Is this based on information provided by the permittees? We provide this information when we file our permit returns. I suggest that the percentage of time figure be based on data provided in the past by permit holders. I also note that although you say 5 to 60% range, the fee is calculated on the highest estimated amount of use, not the average. If there is no documentation of the amount of quick-stop use on a day trip, then it would seem fairer to use the average than the highest estimate. In our case, I believe about 7 to 25% of our time is spent on Forest Service land. The average is around 15%. I look forward to learning more about this new proposal for calculating fees.
- 0777-001 CAC owns or has valid selection rights to over 625,000 acres of surface estate, subsurface estate and oil and gas rights within the Chugach National Forest, making CAC by far the largest private landowner within the national forest boundaries. Most of CAC's economically viable land is adjacent to or surrounded by federal lands administered by the Chugach National Forest. The attached Land Holdings map dated March 1997 shows the extent of the intermingling of CAC and Chugach National Forest lands. Because of the considerable impact that Chugach National Forest actions may have on CAC's ability to realize the economic benefits of its ANCSA lands, particularly the potential of the Forest Plan revisions to frustrate the intent and purpose of ANCSA, ANILCA, and the 1982 CNI Settlement Agreement, CAC seeks the maximum participation it is entitled to in this Forest Plan revision process.
- 0777-011 EVOS Trustee Council Land Transfers The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill ("EVOS") Trustee Council has purchased and is in the process of purchasing a tremendous amount of privately-owned surface estate within the boundaries of the Chugach National Forest. These surface interests are being brought into the public domain as part of a comprehensive habitat restoration program, and they represent interests in a significant portion of the private land holdings in the region. As the owner of the subsurface estate, CAC has significant rights in the lands being acquired. The Forest Service must implement management practices that acknowledge and are consistent with CAC's valid rights in lands the surface of which was acquired through the EVOS habitat restoration program. The Forest Service, through its Revisions newsletter and comment maps, has made no mention of the significant addition to its land base that the EVOS land transfers represent, nor has it indicated any provision to offset the loss of private land in the region.
- 0777-020 The Forest Planning Team did not include or describe any EVOS land acquisitions in the comment map or the Revision newsletters.

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- 0777-021 It also failed to include other ownerships on several maps used at public meetings, thereby representing the entire area as under Forest Service jurisdiction. It is difficult to believe that thoughtful and informed public comment can be generated when the base information given to the public is so incomplete and potentially misleading.
- 0777-024 should properly identify ownerships on all maps used for public meetings. The Forest Planning Team must also inform the public of the significant addition to the Forest Service's land base under the EVOS land transfers, of the corresponding loss of private land in the region,
- 0777-025 its obligation under ANILCA to balance any land withdrawals with increases in access and development opportunities elsewhere in the Chugach National Forest.
- 0777-030 The Chugach National Forest Should Consider Land Consolidation as Part of Its Management Plan for the Forest The pattern of land ownership within the Chugach National Forest, along with additional surface acquisitions from Native village corporations through the EVOS habitat restoration program, creates a very difficult management situation for all landowners in the region. Because management strategies will invariably conflict, management of either the surface or the subsurface in a coordinated and mutually agreeable manner will be difficult, if not impossible. The Chugach National Forest should consider land exchanges with private parties to consolidate ownership and simplify management within the forest.
- 0813-011 9. Land ownership patterns and the proposed management of non-forest land should be shown on base maps and considered during alternatives analysis when planning for forest lands. Base maps and planning analysis should also reflect lands that have been acquired for specific management purposes such as the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill property purchases. Identification of land ownership and management patterns will provide a comprehensive overview of the regional resources, identify the capability of the aggregate land base to meet various resource demands, and ensure Forest Service land use is compatible with adjoining properties.
- 0837-017 Navigability The state owns the land under many of the streams in the CNF that are navigable, all watercolumns, and all tidal areas in or adjacent to CNF. The courts have defined navigable waters as those used or susceptible to use for travel, trade, and commerce at the time of statehood. The state is concerned with designations affecting the navigable waters within the CNF planning area that would limit their use by the citizens of the state.
- 0837-018 Wild/Scenic Rivers DNR is concerned with the designation of Recreational, Wild and Scenic rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and most particularly, with the "Wild" designation because of the restrictions associated with this classification. With the exception of four streams (Bear Creek, Cascade Creek, Canyon Creek, and Palmer Creek) all of the other rivers/glaciers identified by the USFS seem to fit the "navigability" criteria and the waters thereof are state owned. It is likely that some or many of the 20 streams/glaciers identified by USFS will be dropped as a result of the planning process.
- 0860-006 Worst - Put the Ice Fields on a map.
- 0862-026 Lands – support acquisition/trade of land to consolidate land base.
- 0863-006 Continue in acquiring land for public use
- 0881-011 P Identify areas for acquisition - inholdings, other ownership