

# *Quality of Life/Traditional Lifestyles*

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- 0059-001 I would like to see conservation and recreation take precedent in the Chugach National Forest. First, Chugach State Park and this National Forest currently hold the mountains and forests that make south-country. Protection of the scenery and wildlife habitat make our quality of life very high. Logging is not a large industry in south central; and should be prevented from expansion to preserve this quality of life.
- 0064-001 Growing demand for more services within the Chugach NF should not alter a plan that's developed now to manage the area. I recommend that a very conservative management plan be created that will maintain the wonderful & essential primitive qualities of the area. From a recreational point of view, fewer roads, less development (mining, logging, grazing, construction, etc.) on the USFs managed lands the better the quality the experience. Many thanks.
- 0065-001 We join millions of Americans who enjoy visiting Alaska's Chugach (and other U.S. National Forests) for the wilderness quality there - the natural beauty & seeing the wildlife alive!
- 0188-001 Re: Land Management Plan for Chugach National Forest Dear Mr. Lenhausen: As twenty-two year residents of Anchorage and frequent users of our state lands for recreation and occasionally business; my family is most concerned with the recent purchases of private land by the Exxon Valdez Trust money and other efforts to withdraw lands from their traditional multiple uses. Land in south central Alaska is in short supply when the recreational and commercial needs of our citizens are considered. We hope that your update of the Chugach National Forest plan will emphasis and encourage multiple use of these wonderful lands rather than following the "Exxon Valdez Trust" trend to use public resources to lock-up lands in preservation status. A complete social-economic study should be completed prior to any lands being withdrawn from multiple use status. We have locked away enough.
- 0256-006 2. A. Because my outdoor experiences are crucial to my happiness & health.
- 0256-012 2. A. If we expect to continue to have opportunities that currently exist for extraordinary outdoor experiences, we must preserve the sites. We need to maintain our recreational environment to support an economy based on its positive aspects vs development & destruction. These things are also desirable to me personally - I live here because outdoor recreation keeps me & my family healthy spiritually, mentally and physically. I want to live in a place
- 0262-010 2) The forest is an important part of our recreation and enjoyment of Alaskan wilderness.
- 0284-001 The social values of the Forest. Alternatives will only involve recognition of measurable values - eg, economic value in particular. But the values are still real - as in, "What economic value do you place on your 86-year-old grandmother who is not "producing" - only "costing." Also, impact of forest management or community "quality of life" issues. The full range of social values of the Forest environment are not well understood. Further, there is little historical process for integrating these values into the development of mgt. alternatives. Thus, they won't be included as full "members" in development/allocations of use. This is important because legitimate uses of the Forest may not be considered if they cannot be measured in "commensurate" units. The realm of trade-offs involving "hard" land use allocation - especially uses which foreclose options to preserve important "soft" values. The full population (Alaska and other states) including those "users" who may not actually set foot on a forest but whom nevertheless care about what the Forest is like. Need to also include Alaska Native populations.
- 0350-001 Mile 7 to Mile 38 Copper River Hwy, Montague, Hinchbrook & Hawkins Islands, Copper River-upper, Bering River, Katalla River I use these areas, to hunt & fish for subsistence, ORV & snowmobile use, camping & recreation, These issues control quality of life
- 0358-002 Maintaining current lifestyle semi-subsistence, w/easily accessible semi-primitive recreation opportunities.
- 0358-003 2. A. Avoid boom & bust cycles w/logging, tourism, mining while miminizing impacts on fisheries and wildlife and aesthetic values. Allows fulfillment of current lifestyle.
- 0366-004 3. A. Timber use: it a Renewable resource that should be managed. 4. A. Very much The Local Traditional use. Without so much runaround.
- 0370-010 Quality of life issue and that our future economy is tied to that here, protection of nca-h-mon flora/fauna values a high priority and should be so hart to stop, crafting the tools to build healthy communities in Chugach, ways to take the beauty of a process like this evening and get it past Don Young, the State Legislature and Grace Merkes in Sterling.
- 0381-001 1. A. -Motorized & non-motorized recreation - Specific designations - Tourism 2. A. -Too much of all above can change flavor of the area - Quality of life in Valdez & surrounding area is good. Lets not become another Homer... (tacky, commercial, etc) 3. A. -Public education - Logging

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- 0448-007 Roads should be built and improved where needed to relieve congestion, provide access, or to improve the safety and quality of life of the residents of Alaska.
- 0462-005 Subsistence and personal use logging may continue with care to protect the forest.
- 0476-001 First, I would like to say that the Chugach National Forest is a treasure used and appreciated by many Alaskans living in south central Alaska, as well as by visitors from other parts of the U.S., as well as such places as Canada, Germany, Switzerland, the U.K., Japan, and Poland. (I have met and discussed the area with people from all those countries on hikes on the Chugach N.F. trail system, and I'm sure many others visit from other parts of the world.)
- 0480-001 I have lived in the Anchorage area for over 26 years, and I have often recreated in Chugach National Forest. This has included hikes to Lost Lake, Ptarmigan Lake, Paradise Valley, Crescent Lake, Johnson Pass, Resurrection Pass; canoe trips down the Kenai River from Kenai Lake; kayak trips in Prince William Sound; and cross country ski trips over Johnson Pass and within Turnagain Pass. And each time I drive to the Kenai Peninsula, I pass through Chugach National Forest. Each visit, I marvel at the beauty of the natural environment. It makes me want to keep coming back. It is the wilderness character of the National Forest that I value.
- 0480-010 I've made these comments because what I love about Alaska is its wilderness, wildlife, and natural beauty.
- 0804-005 People from all over the world are traveling to Alaska to see that which is fast disappearing elsewhere on the globe.
- 0815-001 This is my letter to reserve the right to appeal, intervene and/or, suit in matters of the Chugach Land Management Plan. As I make my living in the forest, I am very concerned. I hope to be very active in the Management Planning
- 0819-001 It is very important to me that wild lands be preserved in their wild state. Alaska is the last place in the US where there is a lot of wilderness land left so far reasonably untouched and unspoiled, and it is very, very important that we
- 0820-051 We appreciate the overall wilderness quality of the forest and would like to see that maintained,
- 0821-014 The Chugach National Forest has long been recognized for its outstanding fish and wildlife resources. For example, commercial fishing has been an important part of the economy and lifestyle of Prince William Sound residents for
- 0821-015 Reliance on healthy and well-distributed fish and wildlife for tourism, fishing, and recreation underscore the need to limit logging, both large-scale commercial and salvage. Large-scale commercial and/or salvage logging is not an appropriate use of the Chugach National Forest.
- 0831-005 I hope that the decisions that are made about the Chugach National forest will help protect the forest until the end of time. I don't have kids yet but I hope that I can live to see the day that my kids and grandkids can enjoy one of the last great forest on this planet. And I will not have to Say "I remember the time when this area was filled with fishes, bears, trees, fungus, flowers, mountains, stream and all the other things that make up a complete ecosystem". We as humans are ruining the planet at an alarming rate and here in Alaska and in the Chugach we have a chance to make the right decisions before it is to late. Please make the right choices to save our National Forest The Chugach!
- 0860-115 Sounds of laughter, singing, water