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July 27, 1994

Rod Kuhn
EIS Project Manager
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
Trustee Council
645 G Street
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Dear Mr. Kuhn:

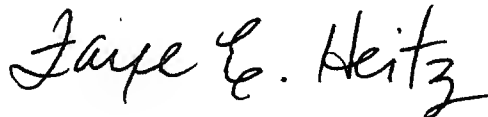
SUBJECT: DRAFT EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL RESTORATION PLAN
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL RESTORATION PLAN

The Division of Governmental Coordination has received both copies of your draft plans. You requested in your memorandum dated July 13, 1994, that our office comment on the consistency of the proposed action with land use plans and coastal zone management plans.

The documents are for a restoration plan, not a specific project. Also, the documents were a federal-State effort, and the resource commissioners sit on the council that is responsible for the document. As such, there is no need to act on these documents through commenting on or coordinating a review of.

If you have any questions concerning this decision, please contact me at 561-6131.

Sincerely,



Faye E. Heitz
Project Review Coordinator

cc: Kerry Howard, Project Analyst, DGC, Juneau
Paul Rusanowski, Director, DGC, Juneau

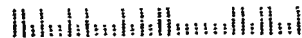
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**EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL**



Subject: Re: Alaska rainforest letters needed *now*

Just got this on the net today!

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From: Cameron L. Spitzer
Subject: Alaska rainforest letters needed *now*
Reply-To: cls@truffula.sj.ca.us

Hi folks,

Sorry about the short notice. This piece seems to have taken ten days to get here from Anchorage. Thanks for writing!

Exxon Settlement to Save Alaska Coast
If You Act *Now*

Alaska Center for the Environment

July 12

One-Two Punch ... A narrow strip of land hugging the Gulf of Alaska is the world's last largely un-logged temperate rainforest... the Alaska Rainforest. Five years ago, the Exxon Valdez oil spill smeared 11 million gallons of crude oil across the western half of that coastline, from Prince William Sound to Kodiak Island. The oil killed thousands of marine mammals and hundreds of thousands of birds. It decimated salmon and herring stocks.

Today, clearcut logging and other development destroys habitat for the same fish and wildlife species injured in the oil spill. Bald eagles, sea otters, harlequin ducks, marbled murrelets, shellfish, wild salmon, and other animals that thrive in Alaska's forests, streams, and estuaries are taking another blow. Most have not yet recovered from the oil spill.

Save the Forest ... We can save their habitat, now and forever. The corporations which own most of this land belong to Alaskan Natives who would prefer to sell their land or their timber rights to be protected, rather than raise cash by logging and subdivisions. Much of the best wildlife habitat consists of large "inholdings" surrounded by parks and refuges.

Exxon is paying \$900 million in civil fines, under a 1991 settlement. The Exxon Valdez oil spill Trustee Council (three Clinton and three [Walter] Hickel [governor] officials) must spend this money to restore

wildlife populations, wilderness values, and other injured resources. (this year's judgement against Exxon benefits private citizens who suffered financial losses in the oil spill; it does not benefit the environment.) What can the Trustees do to bring back our fish and wildlife? They can protect their homes from clearcut logging.

Cut the Pork ... The Trustees have just released their draft plan, and only 1/3 of the settlement will go to protect habitat. This is not nearly enough to protect the hundreds of thousands of acres threatened. Particularly at risk are the coastline of Kenai Fjords National Park, the river valleys inside Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, the spruce forests of Afognak Island, and the incomparable coastline of Prince William Sound, including Eyak Corporation lands in the east and Chenega Corporation lands and Knight Island in the west.

Nearly 1/3 of the settlement (\$280 million) has already been spent -- on clean up, attorney's fees, and well over \$100 million on scientific studies. Less than \$50 million went for habitat. These funds saved Kachemak Bay State Park and Seal Bay (now Afognak State Park).

The Trustees plan to spend \$65 to \$100 million on "General Restoration" -- this means millions for projects like replanting seaweed, mopping up small, widely scattered patches of oil, and subsidizing questionable fish hatcheries and mariculture developments. A bloated budget of another \$200 to \$300 million would go towards studies. Scientists could learn how oil kills fish and birds ... while more fish and birds are lost to the chain-saws.

Using the Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect wildlife habitat is the best way to restore wildlife populations injured in the spill.

Please don't delay.

Comments on the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement are DUE AUGUST 1.

... Ask the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees to

- o Strengthen the "Habitat Protection budget to at least \$500 million;
- o Slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles;
- o Support large acquisitions, not puny parcels surrounded by clearcuts;
- o Save the areas you love: Kenai Fjords Nat'l Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, Kodiak Nat'l Wildlife Refuge.

Write to:

EVOS Trustee Council
ATTN DEIS Comments
645 G ST
Anchorage AK 99501

Send a copy to

Gov. Walter Hickel
State Capitol
POB 110001
Juneau AK 99811

If you wrote before, your letter has already helped, but another one is now vital.)

Questions? Call the Sierra Club at (907)276-4048. Sierra Club is a member of the Alaska Rainforest Campaign (ARC).

AK Center For the Environment, 519 W. 8th, STE 201, Anchorage AK 99501
(Postmarked July 12. Received July 22 1994. Posted to Usenet etc. by
Cameron Spitzer in San Jose, CA, cls@truffula.sj.ca.us)

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August 29, 1994

Molly McCammon
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Molly,

Enclosed please find letters to Governor Hickel
concerning the draft restoration plan.

Very truly yours,

BRUCE M. BOTELHO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: 

Alex M. Swiderski
Assistant Attorney General

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Kachemak Bay Wilderness Lodge

Governor Walter J. Hickel
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

July 30, 1994

Dear Governor Hickel,

It has been a special summer in Kachemak Bay, knowing the Kachemak Bay State Park is intact. We want to say thank you again, on this anniversary of it's success. We sincerely appreciate your effort to protect this area.

We also want to thank you for the efforts since put forth for habitat restoration from the Exxon Trustee Council. We hope that the Council will be looking at large areas, purchasing entire ecosystems - making it a successful and comprehensive arrangement.

It is our hope that Eyak timber rights will be purchased in large areas, not small fragmented acres. Critical areas of Sheep Bay, Port Gravina, Rude River and Simpson Bay need to have timber rights purchased so commercial fishing and especially tourism can continue to develop. These small businesses can be the back bone of our future economy.

Again, thank you for your continued work towards habitat restoration.

Best wishes,

Shannon McBride

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Best wishes,

Diane McBride

Michael & Diane McBride
Morgan McBride

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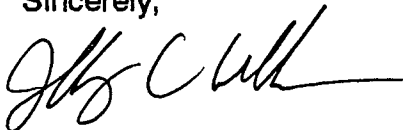
July 29, 1994

Dear Trustee:

- Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million.
- Carefully examine the "General Restoration" items for unnecessary or questionable subsidies.
- Land acquisitions should be as large as possible, not small parcels surrounded by logging clearcuts.

Please protect our coastal forest lands.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey C. Callahan

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July 27, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
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Anchorage, AK ~~99811~~ 99501

Dear Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees:

I would like to comment on the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million

Slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles

Support large acquisitions, not insignificant parcels surrounded by clearcuts

Save the areas important to ALL Americans: Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge, and the Alaska that is an intact ecosystem and one that will continue to generate tourist dollars forever.

Sincerely,

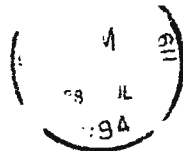
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JOE JOHNSON
11241 Latta Circle
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July 29, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Trustee Council:

I am writing to express my serious concern that the portion of the Exxon Valdez settlement that you propose to allocate to habitat protection is entirely insufficient. The oil spill caused serious damage to the fish and wildlife resources of the gulf coast of Alaska, and the best (if not the only) effective way to protect and restore these damaged resources is to ensure protection for their habitat. Nevertheless, the draft plan allocates only a paltry 1/3 of the settlement to habitat protection.

A number of areas affected by the spill are threatened with logging and other development activities that will seriously increase the harm that these resources have already suffered. I spend substantial time in some of these threatened areas, including Prince William Sound and Kenai Fjords National Park. There are other threatened areas as well, including Afognak Island and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

As trustees, you have a fiduciary responsibility to restore damaged fish and wildlife populations by protecting the habitat upon which they depend. Further habitat losses would only exacerbate the harm to the resource that the oil spill caused. It would be an immense tragedy if you fail to take advantage of this opportunity to protect the habitat to ensure protection of these resources upon which so many Alaskans depend.

Therefore, I strongly encourage you to strengthen the habitat protection portion of the budget to at least \$500 million. This can easily be done by, among other things, slashing the proposed budget for "General Restoration" projects that will not provide the kind of long-term protection that these resources need if they are to be sustained. The habitat protection should focus on acquiring large acquisitions that will provide meaningful habitat for these resources, focusing on acquisitions in the areas I have described above.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this important issue.

Sincerely,



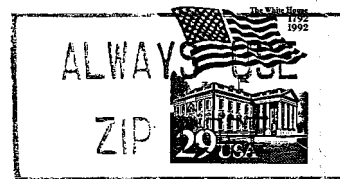
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P.O. Box 84169
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EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
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July 21, 1994

Dear Council,

I am writing to ask you to spend as much as possible of the Exxon settlement money on habitat protection. By working with an organization such as Nature Conservancy, the settlement could be used to protect thousands of acres of important habitat around the Gulf of Alaska. There is no better way to protect the environment from human disturbance. It will not protect these lands from future oil spills, but it can protect them from logging and other development.

Sincerely,

Martha K. Raynolds

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cc: Governor Hickel

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July 26, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
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645 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear council members:

We are writing as concerned citizens who have had the enviable pleasure of visiting the Prince Williams Sound area recently and have seen and heard about the devastating effects of the Exxon oil spill.

With regard to the plan to spend \$900 million to repair the damage to the environment, we believe that the money would be well spent if the majority of it were directed toward habitat protection, i.e. acquisition of large parcels of the coastline forest areas surrounding the sound and further west toward Kodiak Island. The plan to spend a large sum of money on studies and general restoration is a waste of these funds. You have the opportunity to make some truly beneficial decisions if the money is spent wisely and not on boondoggle projects. Please consider seriously the prospect and attempt to acquire as much of these forested lands as possible. The long term benefit for wildlife etc. will be enormous!

Thankyou for your consideration!

Cordially,

Dave and Cathy Lueders

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Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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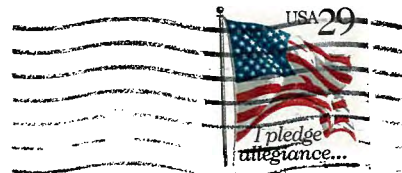


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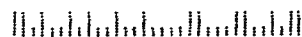
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Hans U. Tschersich, M.D.
1423 Baranof Street
Kodiak, Ak 99615

27 July 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re.: DEIS Comments

The recent acquisition of coastal forest land on north Afognak Island was a very encouraging step in the right direction. There are pristine tracts with old growth forests and clear lakes adjacent to these new additions to our state park system that need to be protected from imminent logging. Beautiful coastal forest land at the city limits of Kodiak (Termination Point) and private inholdings in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge are worthy subjects of acquisition as well since they are threatened by clear cutting and development.

These examples point out how important coastal habitat protection is. The proposed 1/3 of the original Exxon settlement money for habitat acquisition seems woefully inadequate, considering these many urgent needs. The environmental community proposes at least \$500 million for habitat protection and the cancellation of general restoration projects which are considered to be of dubious environmental value.

Sincerely,

Hans U. Tschersich



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EVOS Trustee Council
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Dear council members.

Please use your power and money to protect our Alaskan coastal rain-forest from clear cutting. Please strengthen the habitat protection budget to at least \$500 million, please support large not puny parcels, please stop support for "genuine restoration" boondoggles, and please know that the forests and animals are much more important than the trees as lumber.

cc W. Hichel

Sincerely,
Annie McKenzie

ANNIE McKENZIE
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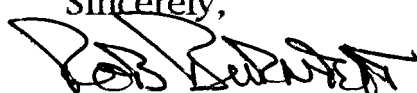
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Council Members,

As a former resident of Alaska and frequent visitor, I am extremely concerned about your draft plan regarding allocation of Exxon's fines. In my opinion the value of habitat protection far outweighs the value of the general restoration projects you propose funding. Clearly, the damage done by the Exxon oil spill to the environment and Alaska's economy can best be minimized by protecting the resources that make Alaska so unique. If habitat is increasingly lost to logging and other development then no amount of scientific studies and special projects will be of lasting value to Alaska or the rest of the world.

Last summer my wife and I were in Kachemak Bay State Park and became aware of the potential threats to the park because of the fragmented land ownership pattern. We were very grateful for what you accomplished there and hope you are proud of what you were able to do to protect habitat and maintain the integrity of the park. Please revise your plan so that more funds are available for habitat protection instead of general restoration and apply that money to important large land acquisitions as you did at Kachemak Bay.

Sincerely,



Rob Burnett



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cc. Gov. Walter J. Hickel

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EVOS Trustee Council
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Dear Trustees:

I was delighted to hear of the \$300 million of the settlement monies from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill being spent on habitat acquisition and protection for the very birds, fish, and animals which suffered injuries from the oil spill.

In light of the amount of acreage which is threatened by imminent logging or development in the western Gulf of Alaska and Prince William Sound, however, I believe that that amount of money is just not enough to adequately protect the injured species or environment.

Please raise the habitat protection budget to at least \$500 million. I see that current plans call for large expenditures on "General Restoration" and exorbitant amounts to also be spent on further research on injured species.

I was intimately involved in the efforts of rehabilitating the birds and marine mammals after the spill. After all these years, NOW is the time to take decisive action and put as much money as needed towards the specific protection of the relatives of the harlequin ducks, loons, marbelled murrelets, halibut, seals, and sea otters whose deaths I personally observed.

This can be accomplished by acquiring, and thereby protecting, the forest habitat which ensures the healthy marine ecosystem required by each of these species. And large-acreage acquisitions further protect the ecological integrity of those specific acquisitions.

Please consider cutting the budget for the general restoration projects and research as listed in the Draft EIS. The priority for settlement expenditures at this time needs to be redirected back to the biological species and systems which were so intensely focused on during the spill itself.

Again, please proceed with substantial action towards habitat protect. Please allocate that part of your budget at least \$500 million.

Sincerely,

Nancy Michaelson
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Palmer, AK 99811



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EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear EVOS Trustees:

I am writing to comment on the Restoration Plan Draft EIS and its proposals for spending the Exxon Valdez restoration funds. I have been fortunate to visit Alaska several times, and the reason I will come back is to enjoy again the wild and natural lands and waters of the state.

The most valuable way in which you can restore wildlife and wilderness values affected by the oil spill is by protecting habitat and wilderness from further damage as a result of ill-advised logging and other development. More clean-up project and studies of oil impacts while new developments threaten the same wildlife resources are not desirable; neither are hatcheries to produce more "fake fish."

Therefore, I urge you to maximize expenditures on habitat protection -- \$500 million at minimum. Focus particularly on large acquisitions around Prince William Sound and within protected areas such as the magnificent Kenai Fjords National Park and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. You have a tremendous opportunity now to offset the Exxon Valdez tragedy and help ensure that Alaska continues to beckon me and others.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wallace Elton

cc: Gov. Hickel ✓

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EVOS Trustee Council

645 G Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

I would like to comment regarding the Trustee's Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please reduce the allocations for "General Restoration" and "Monitoring and Research" / "Restoration Reserve" (budgeted \$65-\$100 million and \$200-\$300 million respectively). Over \$100 million has already been spent on scientific studies and natural restoration is slowly taking place. Further, fish hatcheries and mariculture developments bring their own set of problems to PWS. Instead, please use this money to purchase habitat. Habitat protection, and in particular, protection from clear-cutting and other development, provides the best opportunity for recovery of many wildlife species injured in the oil spill. Such species, including bald eagles, marbled murrelets, wild salmon, harlequin ducks, oyster-catchers, sea otters, shellfish and other wildlife species depend for their existence on the forests, streams and estuaries of the Sound.

Since only \$50 million has been spent for habitat (Kachemak Bay State Park and Seal Bay) of \$280 million in settlement money collected to date, I urge you to budget at least \$500 million of the

remaining settlement money for habitat protection. If so, then \$600 million of the \$900 million total will have been used to protect habitat. To allocate two-thirds of the settlement money for this purpose seems reasonable given the charge to the Trustees to restore wildlife populations, wilderness values and injured resources.

I, my family and friends have kayaked western Prince William Sound almost every year since 1980. Four of us were on the Sound during July, 1994. We have, through the years, traversed the whole of the coastline from Icy Bay and Whale Bay, Dangerous Passage, Cherega and Knight Islands, Jackpot Bay, Point Nowell, Eschamy Bay and Crafton Island. Having been there both before and after the spill has made clear the relationship between wildlife and habitat.

Sincerely,

Dean Webb PhD

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cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel

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July 30, 1994

Governor Walter J. Hickel
State Capital
P.O. Box 110001
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Regarding: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Governor Hickel:

These comments on the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement are submitted by the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC). SEACC is a coalition of fifteen volunteer citizen conservation organizations in twelve Southeast Alaska communities. We have over 1400 individual members. We are also members of the Alaska Rainforest Campaign, a coalition of eight Alaskan and national conservation organizations dedicated to advocating for the conservation, appreciation and wise long-term management of the scenic, wilderness, fish, wildlife, recreation, and other natural resources of Alaska's coastal rainforest ecosystem. This rare ecosystem stretches from Ketchikan north to Kodiak and includes the valuable Prince William Sound.

We hope that the EVOS Trustee Council will seize this amazing opportunity to provide for the comprehensive protection of large pristine areas of Alaska's temperate rainforest, one of the world's rarest and most valuable ecosystem treasures.

The Exxon Valdez oil spill, the largest oil spill in U.S. history, severely damaged resources that residents of Prince William Sound depend upon for their livelihood. Now clearcut-logging and other development threatens to destroy habitat for the same fish and wildlife species damaged by the spill. Bald eagles, sea otters, harlequin ducks, marbled murrelets, shellfish, wild salmon, and other animals that thrive in Alaska's forests, streams, and estuaries are taking another tremendous blow. Most have not yet recovered from the spill.

The one-two-punch of the spill and clear-cutting also threatens major economic activities in the Sound. Thousands of people living and working in the Sound depend on commercial fishing, sport fishing, hunting, recreation, tourism, and subsistence activities for their livelihood. These activities were severely disrupted by the spill, and now logging threatens to degrade them further. Indeed, because the forests provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife and uninterrupted scenery for tourists and recreationists, the destruction of the forest means the destruction of the very resources people depend on for their way of life.

Using Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect wildlife habitat is the best way to restore the wildlife populations injured by the oil spill.

We urge you to take a comprehensive approach to maintaining the resources of the Sound and to protect as many large blocks of undisturbed rainforest as possible. Healthy, intact ecosystems provide much better habitat for fish and wildlife than small parcels with adjacent clearcuts. Spending EVOS money on protecting large areas of rainforest will better ensure that species (and economies) damaged by the spill will recover. Unfortunately, with the damage already done,

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spending only one third of the EVOS money on protecting habitat is clearly insufficient. We request that you increase the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million.

You and the other members of the EVOS Trustee Council have a unique opportunity to restore and protect some of Alaska's most valuable assets. You should stop wasting money on bureaucratic dilly-dallying and start spending much-needed trust fund money on practical and economical deals that protect the resources, like fish and wildlife, that were damaged in the spill and that so many Alaskans depend upon.

You are required to spend EVOS money on restoring wildlife populations, wilderness values, and other injured resources. We request that you:

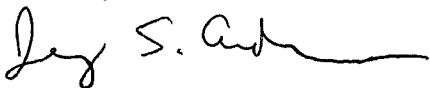
- Stand up and protect the livelihoods of people who live and work on the Sound;
- Protect the forests and the valuable habitat they provide to fish and wildlife damaged by the oil spill;
- Increase the habitat portion of the budget to at least \$500 million;
- Support the purchase of large parcels, not just small areas surrounded by clear cuts;
- Buy timber rights in areas like Port Gravina, Simpson Bay, Sheep Bay, and Rude River;
- Put together a comprehensive deal to purchase all of Eyak's timber rights;
- Support Alaska's commercial fishing and tourism industries;
- Protect Knight Island, Chenega lands, the coastline of Kenai Fords National Park, the river valleys inside the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, and the spruce forests of Afognak Island.

Please resist the temptation to spend the money on short-term, pork-barrel research and restoration projects. Spending money to study how fish and birds have fared the greatest environmental onslaught of the last decade doesn't make sense when the very habitat they depend on for health and survival is slipping through our fingers.

Let's make sure we get something tangible out of the Exxon disaster and buy land and resources that will be lost to Alaska if you don't act. The people living near the Sound are depending on you.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,



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Gov. Walter J. Hickel
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Dear Governor Hickel,

Greetings from Selma, home of Selmanites (Berry important in Yukon and Alaska mining history,

I send along a copy of my letter to EVOS Trustee Council,

To provide for the benefit of all, and especially for the Native Americans in Alaska, I feel the Alaskan coastal forests need to be saved. That means preserved to the extent possible and otherwise managed for the greatest age diversity possible.

I love timber products and I love a naturally healthy forest. Both should be protected to ensure their long lives. Both have spiritual significance.

Truly Yours,
Rick Kangas

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EVOS Trustee Council
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Dear Sir:

There comes a time when to protect our resources, we must save them. I know you can help in this matter by saving Alaska's coastal forest from Ketchikan to Kodiak.

Please increase your "Habitat Protection" budget to more than \$500 million. Go to the Native corporations and save their areas from destruction; save them in large tracts.

Also help stop the ecological devastation by any means at your hand. In areas where logging will occur after your tasks are done, please influence the logging and management methods to prevent clearcuts and any even-age strategies.

Truly yours,

Rich Kangas

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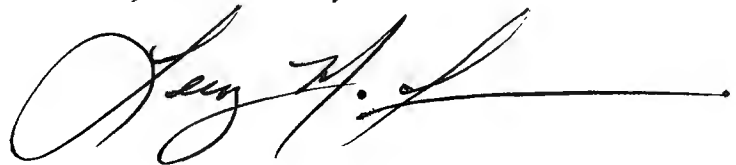
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Gov. Hickel,

I AM SENDING ALONG TO YOU A
COPY OF THE LETTER THAT I RECENTLY FORWARDED
TO THE EVOS TRUSTEES. I URGE YOU TO
PROVIDE YOUR SUPPORT TO THEIR EFFORTS
TO PRESERVE THE ALASKAN LANDS SO PRECIOUS
TO THE IDEA OF "WILDERNESSES".

Respectfully,



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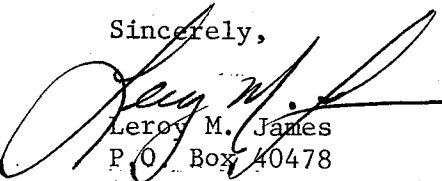
EVOS Trustees:

As someone who has not yet had the privilege of visiting the great state of Alaska, I am writing to you to strongly urge you to take the actions necessary to help insure the protection of the Alaskan rainforests for me and others who hope someday to experience the Alaskan wilderness. Specifically, I urge you to:

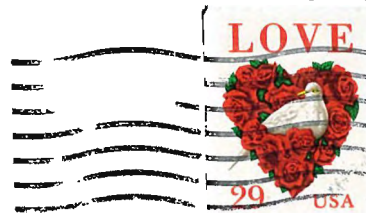
1. Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to the tune of at least \$500 million.
2. Slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles. They are questionable uses for funding that could be used to advantage by applying them directly to habitat protection/rehabilitation.
3. Support large acquisitions, not small parcels surrounded by clearcut areas.
4. Save the areas you and other Alaskans love (and those we others would love to see someday): Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, and others.

Unfortunately, the damage has been done by the Exxon Valdez and many previously pristine lands will never be the same, but you are in a position to help preserve what has been saved and what has yet to be destroyed. I urge you to take action now and for future generations.

Sincerely,



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Gov. Walter G. Hickel,

The Alaska Rainforest - that narrow strip lining the Gulf of Alaska - is the world's last largely un-logged temperate rainforest.

But clear cutting and other development are destroying this precious habitat. Please work to SAVE ALL the remaining rainforest. You have a most precious commodity there.

I have written to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees asking them to strengthen the habitat protection budget to \$500 million, slash the General Restoration boardwalks budget, support the large acquisitions, not penny ones surrounded by clearcuts.

Save the areas we all love! Kodiak N.W. Refuge, Afognak Is., Eyak Is., Knight Is., Chenega Lk., & Kenai Fjords N. Park.

Sincerely, Jean T. Miller

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From the Household of
Two Patriotic & Concerned Citizens

Ronald & Ellen McKean

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EVOS Trustee Council
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Dear Members of the Council:

I am deeply frustrated and angry that one of the worlds last temperate rainforests is receiving yet another blow----but this time it is not an accident. What the Exxon Valdez did to the gulf of Alaska was a catastrophe, but clearcutting the same area is unforgivable! The wildlife that is still suffering from the oil spill, is now facing the blatant elimination of their habitat.

The 900 million in civil fines must go to restoring wildlife, and I think that there is no better way to restore wildlife populations (harmed by the oil spill) than to buy and protect the wildlife habitat that is being destroyed by logging in an area already hurt by one incident.

The Trustees "General Restoration" is unacceptable. First, only one third of the settlement will go to protecting wildlife habitat. Second, 200 to 300 million dollars would go toward scientific studies. While money is spent on studies about how fish die with oil many other species die in habitat loss.

I ask that the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees strengthen the Habitat Protection budget to at least 500 million and to cut the budget for General Restoration scams. I would also ask that you support large land acquisitions and not small parcels of land surrounded by clearcuts. We need to save these areas: Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega Lands, Knight Island, Eyak Lands, Afognak Island, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Please, I ask for Sanctuary on behalf of the countless fish birds and mammals that were powerless against the spill and who are just as powerless against the chiansaw.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ron and Ellen McKean

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EVOS Trustee Council
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Dear Trustees:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the disposition of the assets of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trust. I'm sure you've spent many hours trying to achieve a balance among the uses competing for funds, but I urge you to reconsider this balance to put more resources into acquiring wildlife habitat.

Your instructions as I understand them are to restore wildlife populations and wilderness values. Much remains to be learned about how to achieve these ends, and some funds certainly should be spent on scientific studies. However, we already know that healthy old-growth forests are vital to many species harmed by the spill such as bald eagles, marbled murrelets and salmon.

We know retrospectively that some of the measures taken to remedy the oil spill's effects did more harm than good, and yet as much as another \$100 million is budgeted to be spent on general restoration. I recommend that less be spent on general restoration until we truly know what works.

In sum, I encourage you to increase the habitat protection budget to at least \$500 million because only this expenditure would indisputably benefit wildlife populations and wilderness values. These habitat protection funds can be used most effectively in acquiring large contiguous tracts of rain forest.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Clemens

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cc: The Honorable Walter J. Hickel, governor of Alaska ✓

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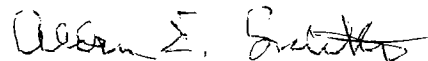
Dear sirs:

As you know, the most important way to save and protect plants and animals is to protect their habitat for the future. This letter is an appeal for use of more of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill settlement monies to do just that by buying up lands for protection of habitat in such places as the coastlines of Kenai Fjords National Park, the river valleys inside Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, the spruce forests of Afognak Island and the incomparable coastline of Prince William Sound, including Eyak Corporation lands in the east and Chenega Corporation lands and Knight Island in the west.

At this point, with about 1/3 of the \$900 million settlement spent, less than \$50 million has gone for habitat. For the sake of Alaska's rainforests, please strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget part to at least \$500 million. Also please support large acquisitions not puny parcels surrounded by clearcuts. And it is very important to try to save especially the precious areas named in the paragraph above!

Thanks for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,



Alden E. Smith

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Dear Trustees:

Please use the Exxon settlement funds to protect the wildlife habitat of the Alaska coast rainforests. Preserving large areas of this temperate rainforest is the best way to ensure the restoration of wildlife populations damaged by the oil spill. It makes no sense to undertake projects like those listed in the General Restoration budget while damaging clear-cuts occur unchecked.

Please increase the Habitat Protection budget substantially to acquire large areas of prime wildlife habitat. These funds would also help protect other lands such as Kenai Fjords, Chenega, Eyak, Afognak and Knight Islands, and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,


George Kaminsky

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EVOS Trustee Council
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Dear EVOS Trustee Council:

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) writes to urge the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (Trustees) to revise its Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement to provide for greatly increased habitat protection purchases. The current draft of the Restoration Plan emphasizes scientific research and small, but very expensive, restoration projects to the detriment of large-scale land acquisitions. The Plan is unacceptable for this reason.

Large-scale habitat acquisition is a far more effective way to protect the fish, marine mammal and bird species injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill than are the studies and restoration projects proposed in the draft plan. Many of the restoration projects are expensive and will have only marginal returns when compared to the benefits of habitat preservation. Many of the research projects will advance the base of knowledge concerning oil's effects on fish and wildlife species, but will do nothing to prevent the widespread habitat destruction that is killing those species. While NWF acknowledges that research is a necessary component of a successful long term recovery and restoration plan, land acquisition now is essential to the survival of important fish and wildlife habitat.

NWF recognizes the pressures on Trustees to draft a plan that provides jobs and money to local economic interests. Ultimately, however, Trustees' duty is to restore the fish and wildlife populations and wilderness values harmed by the Exxon Valdez spill. This can best be done by protecting habitat in perpetuity. NWF therefore urges Trustees to revise its Draft Restoration Plan to greatly increase funding for large-scale habitat acquisition.

Sincerely,


James W. Adams
Legal Associate
National Wildlife Federation

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"Save the Forest"

Dear Trustees:

I was outraged at the damage done to the land and wildlife by the Exxon Valdez oil spill 5 years ago. It will take many more years for the land and waters and the wildlife they support to recover. You Trustees have a great responsibility to insure the recovery of Alaska's wildlife.

I urge you to do that by protecting habitats. It is a shame that only 1/3 of the money will be for habitat protection.

I strongly urge you to increase the "Habitat Protection" budget to \$500 million.

I urge you cut the "pork" of the "general restoration" budget. Support large land acquisitions, not small parcels of land. Expand the land acquisition of Kenai Fjords National Park, Kodiak Wildlife Refuge, Afognak Island, Chenega lands and Eyak lands. Using Exxon settlement funds to buy, preserve and protect forest habitat is the (over)

best and most responsible way to restore
wildlife populations damaged by the oil
spill.

The clear cutting of the Alaskan
coast along with the ravages of the
oil spill will be disastrous to Alaska.

The destruction of these forested coastal
areas will be a loss to all Americans.

As an American Citizen, taxpayer and
voter, I strongly urge you again;
use the settlement funds to protect
the forest habitat!!

Sincerely Yours
Peter Z. Zadis

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To: EVOS Trustee Council
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This letter refers to the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Alaskan Rainforest. I want to see an effort made to bring back our fish and wildlife by protecting their natural habitat from logging. This can be assisted by increasing the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least 500 million dollars. Particularly at risk are the coastline of Kenai Fjords National Park, the river valley inside Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, the spruce forests of Afognak Island, and the beautiful coastline of Prince William Sound, including Eyak Corporation lands in the east and Chenanga Corporation lands and T Knight Island in the west.

I support large acquisitions of forested land, not just small parcels surrounded by clearcuts. The budget for "General Restoration" should be cut with the money being used to restore wildlife populations, wilderness values, and other injured resources.

Sincerely,

Elith D. Huffman

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July 24, 1994

Dear Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council,

I am writing to urge you to use the Exxon settlement funds to purchase, preserve, and protect wildlife habitat. Wildlife habitat, wildlife populations, and wilderness resources need restoration and protection by the Exxon settlement funds.

I am concerned that these settlement funds should restore and protect as much of the Alaska coastal habitat as possible. I urge you to strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million. I think you should also utilize those funds to support purchase and protection of large acquisitions of wildlife and wilderness, instead of small parcels surrounded by timber clearcutting.

The Alaska coastal wilderness is very special and important to me. I would like to see the Exxon settlement funds protect areas such as : the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Afognak Island, Eyak lands, Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, and Knight Island. I know that these areas are of great value to many Alaska Natives and to Alaska and other U.S. citizens.... as well as to the Alaska wildlife itself.

Thank you. Sincerely,



John C. Bost
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Exon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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RE: Allocation of settlement monies

Honorable Trustees:

The best and most justified use of the oil spill monies is to acquire lands and permanently protect them. Only this can have long-lasting and meaningful mitigation value for wildlife populations injured by the spill.

Specifically, I ask that the much more of the settlement go to Habitat Protection, at least \$500 million. I am angered over the waste of so much money on research, etc., and the General Restoration budget must be *markedly* reduced.

Please make it your top priority to leave as a legacy a set of magnificent, large acquisitions.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Dan Silver, MD

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To the EVOS Trustee Council,

I am writing to ask that the majority of the \$900 million dollar settlement from Exxon over the Valdez oil spill go for the restoration and protection of habitat. Currently only 1/3 of the settlement is proposed for this purpose. By protecting habitat, the goals of the Oil Spill Council; restore wildlife populations, wilderness values, and other injured resources, can be best achieved. It seems to me that too much of the money (\$280 million) has already been used for purposes other than those stated above (attorney's fees and scientific studies). Funding additional studies is not a priority, at this stage. In addition, spending money on "General Restoration" will not give any permanent protection to the areas at risk. Much of the land available for habitat restoration and protection is owned by native Americans, who would prefer to sell their land or their timber rights, rather than raise money by logging and subdivisions. Many of the best and most strategic holdings are adjacent to, or inside of refuges and parks. By protecting the area from logging and development, we can help remove some of the threats to the habitat, wildlife, ecosystem, and economy. We can protect the wildlife, fish, sealife, and birds from logging, which is just as deadly as oil spills. Many of these populations have not yet recovered from the spill, and protecting and restoring their habitat, instead of logging or development, will hasten their recovery. This represents a rare opportunity where there are willing sellers, adequate funds, and habitat worth protecting and restoring. Let's not miss this opportunity by not maximizing the amount of money spent for habitat protection. Please increase the money allocated for habitat protection, go for large acquisitions, cut funding for "General Restoration", and attempt to save, preserve and restore the following areas; Kenair Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Refuge. Thank you.

Respectfully,


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EVOS Trustee Council
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Dear Trustees,

I wish to register my objection to certain parts of the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement, many features of which are presently inadequate.

First, I urge you to strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million.

Second, you ought to drastically cut the budget for "General Restoration" where money would be squandered at the expense of preserving vital habitat.

Also it is essential to support large acquisitions of land and not small parcels surrounded by clearcuts. Such half measures would be to the great detriment of this last great temperate rainforest remaining on Earth.

Lastly, I ask that you give the highest consideration to protecting Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Eyak lands, Afognak Island and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Very sincerely,

Gregory T. Howe
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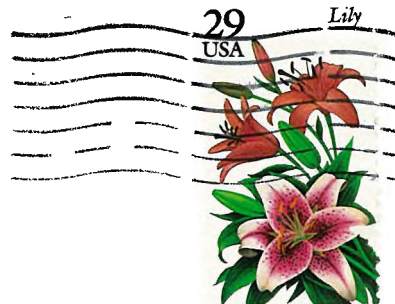
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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees;

I urge you to strengthen the habitat protection budget to at least 500 million, this money is needed to protect the coastline of Kenai Fjords Nat. Park, the river valleys inside Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, the spruce forests of Afognak Island, and the coastline of Prince William Sound. Large acquisitions should be bought to protect these areas, clear cut logging and other developement is destroying habitat for the same fish and wildlife species injured in the oil spill.

The General Restoration budget should be slashed, 65-100 million is a waste of valuable money. How many millions are going to be wasted on mopping up small scattered patches of oil and replanting seaweed?

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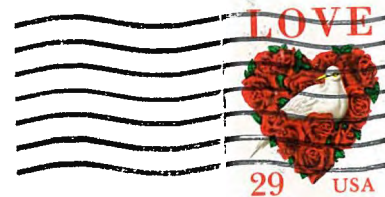
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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Ladies & Gentlemen:

As a two-time visitor to Alaska and very interested citizen, I urge you to use Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect critical wildlife habitat areas throughout Alaska. To me, it is quite clear that the best way to ensure thoughtful and efficient wildlife management is to provide that wildlife with "a place to live." Indeed, I do not believe there is any effective substitute for this. You have the opportunity to do just that. I sincerely hope you will!

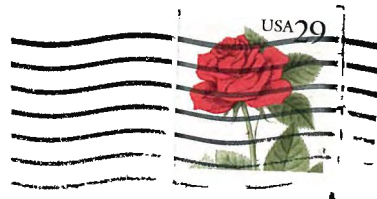
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645 G St
Anchorage, AK 99501

To whom it may concern,

I learned recently of the proposed terms of disposition of the civil fines to be paid by Exxon for the Exxon Valdes oil spill. I am shocked at how much is being used for further studies and at the amount and allocation of funds to be used for acquisition of land to be preserved for the public.

I urge you to raise the habitat protection budget to as much as possible, at least 500 million dollars, and to use this money to make large land acquisitions, not to purchase small parcels surrounded by clearcuts.

I urge you to slash the budget for "general restoration" boondoggles.

I urge you to save areas such as Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Williams

cc: Gov. Walter Hickel
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Dear Council,

As a concerned citizen I am writing you to urge you to provide real "habitat protection" at a level of at least \$500 million. This money should be spent on large acreage that are capable of protecting entire biological communities intact.

Special attention should be paid to protecting Afognak Island, Keweenaw Nat'l Park, Eyak and Chenega lands.

Eliminate the park ban and provide real habitat protection by ~~protection~~ purchasing large tracts of land to be set aside for habitat protection.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



GARY SIMPSON

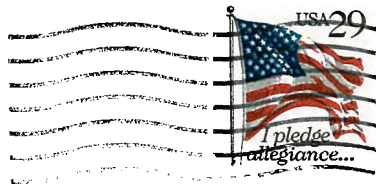
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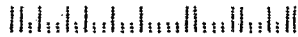
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Olga Rosche
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Dear Governor Hickel,

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

I strongly urge you to use the Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect wildlife habitat. This is the best way to restore wildlife populations injured by the oil spill.

Please work to:

- Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to a least \$50 million.
- Slack the the budget for "General Restoration"
- Support large acquisitions, not small ones.
- Save the special areas like Kenai Fjords Nat'l. Park & Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge.

We must try to keep as much as possible wild in our country.

Yours truly,
Olga Rosche

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Dear Governor Hickel-

LAW POT?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for signing the legislation creating Afognak State Park. It is a beautiful area worthy of inclusion in our park system.

I would also like to ask you to support the comprehensive purchase of all of Eyak Corporation's timber rights in eastern Prin. William Sound. This, too, is a beautiful area that should not be destroyed by clearcutting. I hope that you will support a larger purchase of Eyak timber rights rather than a piecemeal approach to protect a few small areas.

Thank you again for Afognak State Park.

Sincerely-

Beth Carlson

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July 30, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear EVOS Trustee Council:

Re: Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Comments

I urge you to use the Exxon Valdez settlement funds to purchase significant wildlife habitat lands to assist the restoration of wildlife populations injured by the oil spill. In this regard, I urge you to increase the Habitat Protection budget in the Restoration Plan to at least \$500 million.

To fund that increase, I urge you to slash the budget for General Restoration projects. This money should be spent in the most effective and efficient way possible--purchasing lands that will provide protected habitat for the wildlife affected by the spill. The areas impacted by the Exxon Valdez oil spill does not need more research--it needs protection from development and exploitation.

I urge the Trustees to protect large areas in Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega Islands, Knight Island., Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. I am a former eleven year resident of Alaska, was living in the state during the oil spill and the attempted clean up. I have visited many of these areas. The use of the settlement monies to purchase owner-willing inholdings in the ANILCA lands should be the highest priority.

Thank you for consideration of my views. I hope that you will act in the best interests of the environment and make habitat protection & acquisition a top priority.

Sincerely,

Chuck Lennox

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cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel

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Palmer, Alaska 99645

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Council Members:

Please consider my comments on the draft EIS for EVOS restoration.

I recommend the following changes to the draft:

- 1) Eliminate support for facilities, including aquaculture, and aquarium, and tourist facilities. Drop fish hatchery support and support for museums.
- 2) Reduce scientific studies, both monitoring of restoration and hypothesis testing, to a total of \$20 million. Make the cuts on a prioritized list of studies that quantify continuing injuries from remaining oil.
- 3) Increase habitat protection, including coastal land acquisitions, to \$300 million. The long-term solution to restoration issues and maintenance of recovery requires that the most threatened sources of current services receive protection. By that means, the public resources' services can be better guaranteed.

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in general, I recommend that you reverse
the recent high ratio of studies budgets to
habitat protection budgets. Bring the studies
of fish stocks, recreation to a halt, for example.
In their place, buy salmon streams and recreation
sites (including potential recreation sites in and
adjacent to the EVOS affected areas.

Best you, - Mike Benson

Student Name _____

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage AK 99501

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attn: Restoration Plan DEIS team

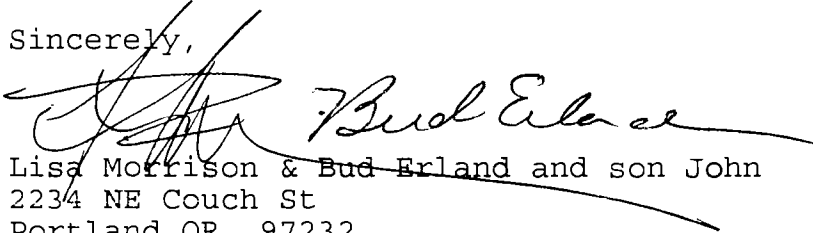
Dear Council Members:

We're like to see you double the "Habitat Protection" budget in your Restoration Plan. Let's take advantage of having these big bucks available! Leave the studies and small acquisitions for another time, shift money from your proposed "General Restoration" budget over to "Habitat Protection" and go in there and buy up the land for permanent wildlife habitat.

We see the at-risk lands to be coastline at Kenai Fords NP, river valleys inside Kodiak NWR, spruce forests on Afognak, and Prince William Sound coastline, especially Eyak Corp. lands in the east and Chenega Corp. lands & Knight Island in the west.

These could be historic times for Alaska and a sincere response to the damage caused by the EV spill. Please see this for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity it is. The American and indeed world community will be with you in this tremendous step on behalf of wildlife.

Sincerely,



Lisa Morrison & Bud Erland and son John
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Portland OR 97232

cc: President Bill Clinton
Gov. Walter J. Hickel ✓

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July 29, 1994


Rod Kuhn
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Rod,

Enclosed please find letters to Governor Hickel
concerning the draft restoration plan.

Very truly yours,

BRUCE M. BOTELHO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Dear Governor Hickel:

Using Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect wildlife habitat is the best way to restore wildlife populations injured by the oil spill. Recommend allocating \$500 million (at least) to habitat purchase, i.e., rainforest.

Natural environment is the reason I visit Alaska, spending money there.

Sincerely,

Wesley E. Shelberg

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1540 South Chugach
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July 15, 1994

Governor Walter Hickel
PO Box 110001
Juneau AK 99811

RE: Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement

I am writing to encourage your officials on the Trustee Council to increase the habitat protection budget. Now is the time to acquire land along the Western Gulf Coast for recreation, tourism and fishing. If only a third of the settlement money goes for habitat acquisition, much critical land will be lost to clear-cut logging and private development. This would be a tragedy for Alaskan Natives who depend on the land for subsistence and for all groups who value experiencing this pristine wilderness.

I urge you to increase the habitat protection budget to at least \$500 million so that this great land will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,



Diane Sallee

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Ms Diane Sallee
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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
ATTN: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 995-1

RE: Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

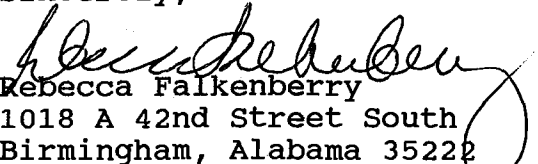
I am very concerned about Alaska's coastal forest between Ketchikan to Kodiak. I consider it to be the last great temperate rainforest on earth. I am concerned about the way that the Exxon settlement funds are being used. I strongly believe that they should be used to buy and protect wildlife habitat. This would be the best way to restore wildlife populations injured by the oil spill.

Please consider the following actions:

- *strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million
- *slash the budget, removing any "General Restoration" boondoggles
- *support large acquisitions, not puny parcels surrounded by existing or proposed clearcuts
- *save the areas most unique: Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. You are charged with the on-going protection of one of the most beautiful places on earth. Let's keep it that way for current and future generations.

Sincerely,


Rebecca Falkenberry
1018 A 42nd Street South
Birmingham, Alabama 35222

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Dear Gov Hickel;

I am writing in regards to protecting the Alaskan coastal rainforest by using the Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect wildlife habitat is the best way to restore wildlife populations and the environment severely damaged and injured by the oil spill.

First by strengthening the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million.

Secondly by slashing the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles.

Support large acquisitions, not puny parcels surrounded by clearcuts, also to protect Kenai Fjords Natl. Pk, Chenega lands, Knight Is., Eyak Islands, Adognak Island, Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge.

Your serious consideration to this matter would be greatly appreciated, Thank You.

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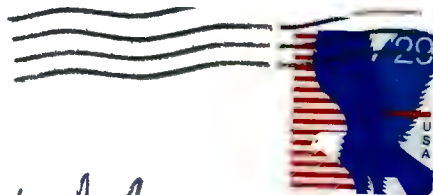
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Gov. Walter J. Hickel
State Capitol
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Gov. Hickel:

Alaska's coastal forest from Ketchikan to Kodiak is the last great temperate rainforest on earth. We must protect it. There is no point in saving the animals devastated by the Exxon oil spill if we turn around and destroy the habitats they live in.

I am particularly interested in saving the areas in and around: Kenai Fjords National Park, Knight Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

In addition I would like to see you:

- Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million.
- Slash the budget for "General Restoration."
- Support large land acquisitions, not little parcels surrounded by clearcuts.
- Stop funding studies and start saving the forest.

I sent a copy of this letter to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees. The Alaskan rainforest needs all the support we can give.

Thank you,

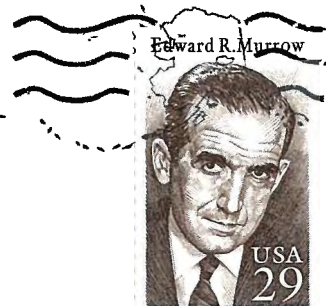
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5711 NE 77th St.
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Jul 19, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council, Att. DEIS Comments
645 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99501

re: coastal rainforest

Dear Sirs:

The world's last unlogged temperate rainforest must not be allowed to fall to clear-cutting, thus further destroying the wildlife habitat for the same animals already so damaged by the Exxon oil spill. Under the recently released draft plan of the Trustees a minority of the Exxon settlement is earmarked for habitat protection, not nearly enough to protect the huge threatened area.

I urge you to strengthen the Habitat Protection budget to at least \$500 million, and to cut the budget for "General Restoration" which seems to include much money for more studies and minor projects. Please support large acquisitions, to save major areas such as Kenai Fjords Nat. Park, Knight Island and Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander R. Stevens

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cc. Gov. Walter J. Hickel

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**Mary Ellen Gadski
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July 18, 1994

**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage AK 99501**

Dear Trustees:

I urge you to consider buying and protecting wildlife habitat as the best way to help restore wildlife populations injured by the oil spill. Specifically I would like to direct your attention to the opportunity to safeguard the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge from adverse development.

The current draft plan allocates only one-third of the settlement to habitat protection. Please re-distribute some of the funds devoted to "general restoration" measures to purchasing and safeguarding more land critical to wildlife. The habitat protection budget should be increased to at least \$500 million.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Gadski

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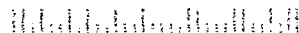
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Dear Trustee Council:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

I am taking a few minutes to write you a letter to encourage you to help save Alaska's Rainforests. It seems to me that (as a former History Major at SCU) the people of our Planet are in a war against our own environment, and the environment is on the losing end. Our forests are being destroyed by acid-rain, our Coral Reefs are under siege, our rivers are being polluted, our air is not very healthy, our food is sprayed with all kinds of potent chemicals, our fisheries are over-fished, Clear-cuts and destructive mining take place in our beloved National Parks!

It certainly is time for someone or some persons to stand up and take a stand - a position based on a strong respect and love of our own planet - our environment - and not based on greed, destruction of Wildlife and the desire for power and 'business as usual'.

I encourage the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees to:
Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least
\$500. million. I encourage you to slash the
budget for "General Distraction" boondoggles.

I encourage you to support large acquisitions, not
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urge you to save the areas you love:

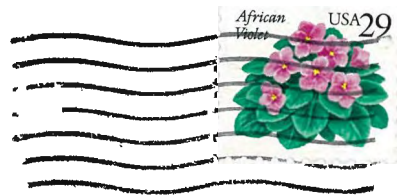
KENAI Fjords NATIONAL PARK, Chena LAKE,
KNIGHT Island, EYAK LANDS, ATOGNAK Island,
KODIAK NATIONAL Wildlife Refuge.

It is Time to tip the scales in favor of Preservation
and not destruction. I know Alaska is BIG - but your
environment can be destroyed! There are thousands of Villains
who are very capable and willing to get rich from
your forests and rivers and Wildlife. The question is
simple: are you going to choose to be Heroes for your
environment and your children Or are you going to let
destroy the Heritage of your children and their children? (From Alaska)

Dear Governor WALTER HICKEL:

I encourage you to take some
time and get away from all
the pressures and various
special interest groups and travel
to one of your favorite places -
for me its the hike to Vernal
Falls, Minn. Falls and the top of
Half Dome in Yosemite - great places
to reflect and great exercises for an
old Vietnam Vet! Now - as you

Tom Aldridge
296 S 13th St
San Jose, CA 95112



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PO Box 110001
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43 Westbrook Way
Eugene Oregon 97405
July 16, 1994

Governor Walter J. Hickel
The State Capital
PO Box 110001
Juneau AK 99811

Dear Governor Hickle:

I was in Alaska recently, both in Southeast and up north, and was please to see how good and prosperous the State looks all around. I have been visiting for years on business and pleasure so I know Alaska is "special."

While in Anchorage I looked at a copy of the draft plan of the Exxon Oil Spill Trustee Council for the expenditure of the Exxon settlement money.

It appears that just a lot of that money is planned to be spent on things other than the land-sea habitat and protection/acquisition -- like was spent for Kachemak Bay and Seal Bay.

It looks like enough money for scientists so that they can study matters to death.

As a good friend of the State, this letter gives my vote for the land and protecting it as a first priority. Thanks for giving any of your attention to my views.

Respectfully,



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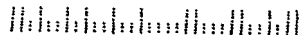
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Mary Spess
2837 Wendy's Way
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July 19, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
645 G Street
Anchorage, Ak 99501

Attn: DEIS Comments

A brief but important note to request the use of the Exxon settlement funds to buy and protect wildlife habitat in the Alaska Coast Rainforest. Spend the money to restore wildlife populations, wilderness values, and other injured resources in the Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

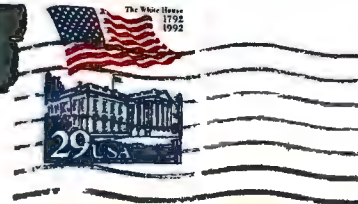
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Gentlemen:

I am more than just mildly disturbed at the small amount of money allotted to the purchase of lands in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

It seems perfectly obvious to me that the highest and best use for the oil-spill money is in the purchase of lands. Here we get the most bang for the buck - the longest lasting effect.

Nature has shown that, given time, she can recover from the most grievous abuses. So, let's hold it on more clean-ups, studies etc and put the vast bulk of the remaining money in lands, lots of lands and in large chunks.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Sharrow

cc: Gov. Walter Hickel



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MR. ROBERT A. SHARRER
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State Capitol
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AS IT HAS GONE SO FAR, THE PRUDENT COUNCIL SEEMS TO BE ACCOMPLISHING VERY LITTLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REGION UNFORTUNATELY SCARED, PLEASE SHOW SOME GOOD SENSE AND MAKE THE LAND ACQUISITIONS NOW (CHENEGA LANDS, KNIGHT ISLAND, EYAK LANDS, AFOGNAK ISLAND AND THE KODIAK NAT. WILD. REFUGE). THE STATE BUREAUCRACY WILL CATCH UP AND PROPERLY SHEPHERD THESE AREAS.

STOP THESE ERRONEOUS GENERAL RESTORATION PROJECTS THAT MAKE SO LITTLE PRACTICAL SENSE.

AS FOR HABITAT PROTECTION, \$500 MILLION IS A DROP IN THE BUCKET BUT ITS A GOOD START.

I KNOW YOU ARE ALL GOOD PEOPLE WITH LOFTY IDEALS I'M SURE, BUT UNLESS YOU MOVE ON THESE ISSUES, YOUR LEGACY MIGHT BE OF OPPURTUNITY LOST.

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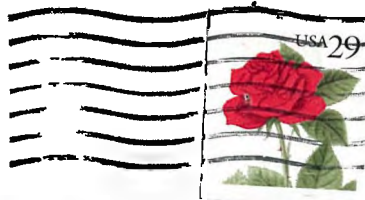
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RESPECTFULLY

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Dear Gov. Hickel:

There are several issues that I would like to address. First of all, I would like to see you strengthen the Habitat Protection budget to at least five hundred million. Secondly, be very careful with general restoration funding. Please concentrate on protecting large areas such as the Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak Lands, Afognak Island and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Morissett

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Gov. Walter J. Hickel
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July 7, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn.: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Joe Wehrman
3527 Vassar Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99508

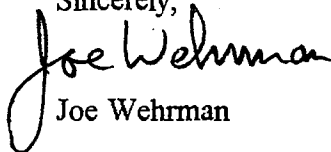
Dear Sirs:

Preservationist groups are flooding the country with highly biased and deceptive propaganda aimed at inciting the public to flood your offices with letters in support of using much of the settlement money to buy private land and resource rights in order to prevent development. I am writing to urge you to spend *NO* money on acquisition of land to prevent resource development from occurring.

Far too much of Alaska is already off limits to any viable resource development activities. There is no scientific rationale for locking up what little land is outside federal conservation areas and state parks as habitat or restoration land. The species that were indeed impacted by the oil spill already have their essential habitats well protected by the myriad of existing statutes and regulations in place now. We, as a nation, do not need to go even further in this effort to kill the very resource development options that made our nation the commanding economic power in the world. Most, if not all, the practices of the past that were truly damaging to the environment have long since been abandoned by the industries that the preservationists would have the public believe are the demons of the day.

Why not take the lead and put the nation's missing "logic" back into the word "ecological" instead of doing the politically correct thing that further erodes our nation's economic future?

Sincerely,


Joe Wehrman

cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel

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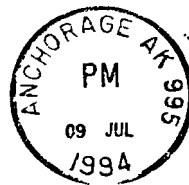
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July 10, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Allocation of the \$900 million Exxon settlement.

Dear EVOS Trustee Council:

I am writing to ask that you dramatically increase the amount of money you plan to spend on habitat protection. I understand the draft plan calls for about \$300 million but I would like to see at least \$500 million spent for large acquisitions of land or the timber rights of that land.

I'm opposed to spending large amounts of money subsidizing fish hatcheries, mariculture developments and studies.

Sincerely,



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Kenai, AK 99611



Governor Walter Hickel
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July 12, 1994

To: The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees
and Gov. Walter J. Hickel (copy)

Dear Trustees:

I'm concerned because an insufficient proportion of the Exxon Valdez settlement money will be used to protect fish and wildlife habitat. I understand that in your draft plan only one-third of the fund will be used to protect fish and wildlife habitat.

That's not nearly enough, especially when you propose to spend \$200 to \$300 million on additional studies of the area. Instead of encouraging clear-cut logging and other development that destroys habitat for the fish and wildlife species injured in the oil spill, the money would be better used to purchase larger tracts of land surrounding the Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

I strongly urge you to revise the draft plan so that it will strengthen habitat protection to at least \$500 million and support large land acquisitions in our beautiful parks.

Sincerely,

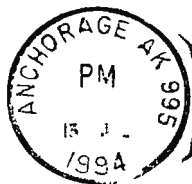
Ruth Sheridan

4704 Kenai
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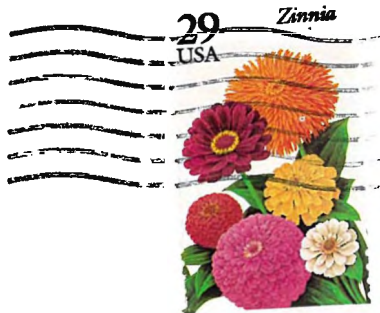
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EVOS Trustee Council
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645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Comments on the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental
Impact Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

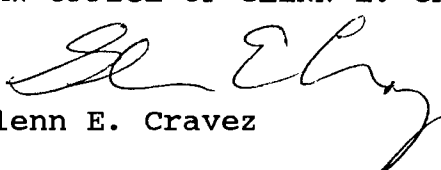
I urge you to increase the proportion of the settlement proceeds which will go towards habitat acquisition and protection. At least \$500 million of the civil settlement should be dedicated to this purpose. In particular, I direct your attention to the coastline of the Kenai Fjords National Park, the river valleys inside Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, the spruce forests of Afognak Island, and the coastline of Prince William Sound, including Eyak Corporation lands in the east and Chenega Corporation lands and Knight Island in the west.

Monies for habitat protection should be given priority over monies currently proposed for "general restoration." Using the settlement funds to acquire habitat is the best way to restore wildlife populations injured by the oil spill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICE OF GLENN E. CRAVEZ, INC.


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cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel
Alaska Center for the Environment

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July 13, 1994

Mayor Rick Mystrom
Anchorage Mayor's Office
632 W. 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mayor Mystrom:

As you may know, I am president of the Sand Lake Community Council. I was heartened to read in the newspaper of your efforts to forge a consensus on the proposed Heritage Bank Land swap. For too long, the politics of division have threatened and delayed construction of a much needed elementary school in the Sand Lake area. I wish you the best in your efforts to forge a consensus on this issue and, if there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Glenn E. Cravez
President
Sand Lake Community Council

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cc: Governor Walter Hickel
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3.] to buy and protect wildlife
habitat. We're all
watching.

M. Ruth Niswander
622 Barkers
Davis, Ca. 95616

Nat'l Park, river valleys. ¹²
inside Kodiak Nat'l Wildlife
Refuge, the spruce forests of
Adognak Island, and the
coast of Prince William Sound
at risk! The neglected
areas include Eyak Corpor-
ation lands in the east
and Chenega Corp. lands
and Knight Island in the
west.

You have spent too much
on attorneys' fees and too
much on scientific studies.
You have spent only 50 million
on habitat preservation.
Use Exxon settlement funds

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EVOS Trustee Council
Attn. DEIS Comments
645 G St,
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Dear Council:

Please, please use the
Exxon settlement funds to
buy and protect wildlife
habitat in Alaska. Only
 $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ of the settlement, as
described in your draft plan,
will be spent on protecting
habitat. This is not enough
to protect hundreds of
thousands of threatened acres.
You are putting Kenai Fjords

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Dear Governor Hickel, Eise

I am writing concerning the use of the money given the state by Exxon to clean up lands damaged by the oil spill and the draft of the budget that the EVOS Trustee Council has already come up with. I feel that the "Habitat Protection" budget should be increased to at least \$500 million and that the budget for "General Restoration" should be reduced. I would also like you to support large land acquisitions, not small parcels surrounded by clear cuts. I'm asking for protection of the following beautiful, ecologically important areas: Kenai Fjords National Park, the Chenega lands, Knight Island, the Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Thank you for whatever part you may have played in saving Kachemak Bay State Park & Seal Bay (Afognak State Park).



Sincerely,
Shawnda Wilde

Shawnda Wilde
PO Box 110749
Anchorage, Ak 99511



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Gov. Walter J. Hickel
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WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

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July 21, 1994


Rod Kuhn
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Rod,

Enclosed please find letters to Governor Hickel concerning the draft restoration plan.

Very truly yours,

BRUCE M. BOTELHO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: 
Alex M. Swiderski
Assistant Attorney General

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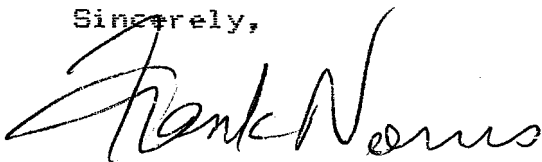
Dear Sir/Madam;

After looking through the recently-released EVOS Trustees draft settlement plan, I cannot help but be surprised that a relatively small amount of the settlement will go to protect habitat. There are many acres along Prince William Sound that are threatened--Kenai Fjords National Park, the river valleys inside Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, the forests on Afognak Island, and elsewhere. These areas need to be preserved through the acquisition of private parcels.

To that end, I urge that the Habitat Protection budget be increased to at least \$500 million and the General Restoration budget be cut. Please push for several large acquisitions instead of a larger number of minor acquisitions. Of particular importance are those areas mentioned above.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Frank Norris

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Tony DeVilbiss
HCO4-9302
Palmer, AK 99645

EVOS Trustee Council,

I have heard that money is being
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In my opinion this state already has far
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645 G. Street

Anchorage, AK 99501

cc. Hon. Walter T. Hickel

State Capitol

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Restoration Plan Draft Environmental
Studies Impact Statement

Gentlemen:

As a concerned Alaskan, I wish to heartily urge
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budget to a minimum of \$500 million
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Yours sincerely,

Carol R. Lee

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cc. Hon. Walter T. Hickel

State Capitol

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Restoration Plan Draft Environmental
Studies Impact Statement

Gentlemen:

As a concerned Alaskan, I wish to heartily urge the Council & Trustees to strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to a minimum of \$500 million dollars, to avoid overbudgeting for "General Restoration" and instead, support large acquisitions of land, not small parcels surrounded by clear cuts - in a word, to exercise its position and power to protect and conserve Kenai Fjords National Park, the Chenega Lands, Knight Island, Eyak Lands, Afognak Island and Kodiak Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, which are irreplaceable treasures of the earth, and of Alaska.

Yours sincerely,

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3201 Turnagain Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99517



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c/o Stoltzfus
P.O. Box 1205
Homer, AK 99603

Governor Walter J. Hickel
State Capitol
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Hickel,

In order to help ensure long term protection of the Alaskan temperate rainforests and the organisms that depend upon the forests, I am asking you to do the following: (1) increase the budget for "Habitat Protection" to at least \$500 million; (2) decrease the budget for "General Restoration;" (3) support the purchase of large pieces of land rather than small pieces here and there; (4) support the purchase of land in the following areas: Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. I think these measures would be a better use of the Exxon settlement money than the current proposal. Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,


Lenae Notziger

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Ed Stoltzfus
P.O. Box 1205
Hanover, AK 99603



Governor Walter J. Hickel
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Gov.
Hickel,

William M. Cox
7806 Linda Lane
Anchorage, AK 99518

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July 8, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council,
Attn: DEIS Comments,
645 G Street,
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Sirs:

I offer the following comments on your Restoration Plan
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- 1) I STRONGLY urge you to increase the "Habitat Protection" portion of the budget to at least \$500 million, using this to protect LARGE areas of Rainforest Habitat in Kenai Fiords, Afognak Island, Kodiak Island Nat. Wildlife Refuge and other areas, especially when there are willing sellers!
- 2) DECREASE the budget for the "General Restoration" projects - many of these are questionable.
- 3) DECREASE the money to be spent on more "studies". Studies can become self-perpetuating and go on forever. There is a grand opportunity for action right now.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

William M Cox

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cc. Gov. Walter Hickel

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William M. Cox, M.D.
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David Stutzer
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It can be argued that research is needed to assess the extent of the damage to natural resources and to monitor the speed of recovery of the resources. While it may be important to understand how crude oil affects flora and fauna in a marine environment, it does nothing to restore that animal and plant life to its pre-spill levels. Quite frankly, it doesn't take a genius to realize that oil isn't beneficial to marine life and that oil spills should be avoided. I don't believe we should spend any money, let alone millions, to find out something that most people know to be obvious.

The species that were impacted by the oil spill live in a marine coastal environment. There are thousands of acres of still undamaged marine environment in southcentral Alaska. Instead of trying to directly restore the impacted habitat of these species, I suggest that you as council members look instead to the undamaged preservation. Much of this undamaged coastline is owned by various entities that, out of financial necessity, are planning or are in the process of selling their land. This, in turn, is bringing about further destruction of the same species that were impacted by the oil spill.

In my opinion, the wisest use of the Exxon Valdez settlement of the aforementioned lands from the native corporations, which seem to be large chunks of land that would provide an undisturbed marine environment and wildlife that were impacted in the oil spill would be best. These lands include Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, and lands owned by native corporations in Prince William Sound.

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In my opinion, the wisest use of the Exxon Valdez settlement funds is the purchase of the aforementioned lands from the native corporations, which seem to be willing sellers. Large chunks of land that would provide an undisturbed marine environment for the fish and wildlife that were impacted in the oil spill would be best. These lands can be found in Kenai Fjords National Park, Afognak Island, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge as well as lands owned by native corporations in Prince William Sound.

Because of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, many changes were made in the requirements for shipping oil and procedures for preventing and containing any future oil spills. These are the positive results of an unfortunate accident. You, as Trustee Council Members, also have the opportunity to do something positive by preventing the further degradation of Alaska's marine coastal environment. By using Exxon Valdez settlement funds to purchase these lands, you can insure that a large part of this unique ecosystem will be preserved for the benefit of the flora and fauna, as well as people who want to experience this wilderness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Stutz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cc: Gov. Walter J. Hickel

David Stutzer
P. O. Box 2296
Homer, AK 99603



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State Capitol
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Juneau, AK 99811



Box 1417
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EVOS Trustee Council
645 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: DEIS Comments

Dear Sirs,

Dean Savanna Hickel
FYI

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Restoration Plan to date. At the risk of flogging the dead horse, I must repeat my plea to spend more money on habitat acquisition which will ensure long-lasting protection for species ravaged by the oil spill and less money on short-sighted projects like fish hatcheries and endless studies.

I applaud the purchase of land in Kachemak Bay State Park and Seal Bay. These parcels are among my favorite places in south central Alaska. I spend a lot of time in both. I want you to continue this tradition and protect very important habitat contained in inholdings in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge as well as large parcels in Kenai Fjords and in Prince William Sound.

I read parts of the draft environmental impact statement and understand that my comments today are supposed address only impacts of proposed projects, but I must vent my frustration at the projects being considered. Too much of this settlement money is going down the drain and in the end the environment is the last and least benefitted.

Please put the environment first and purchase land to give the damaged species half a chance to recover.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Mary Griswold

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cc Walter Hickel

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Box 110001
Damen AK 99811

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Exxon Waldez Oil Spill Trustees:

Please put the majority of the oil spill money into habitat acquisition and protection. Put it into big projects, not just lots of little "General Restoration" projects.

Without Habitat Protection, nothing will be there for my children and grandchildren. Please put, at a minimum, \$500 million into habitat protection.

Thank you for reading this. I would like to see your final report on how the money was spent if I might. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Redwood

P.O. Box 908

Palmer, Alaska 99645

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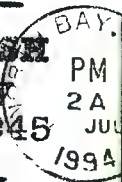
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This is our national heritage
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Dear Governor Hickel,

I am writing to urge you to do what ever possible to protect Alaska's coastal forest from Ketchikan to Kodiak. This is the last great temperate rainforest on earth!

Please strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 Million; Slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles; Support large acquisitions, not puny parcels surrounded by clearcuts; Save the Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Cordially,
George E. Egger, III



The INDIANA SASSAFRAS AUDUBON SOCIETY

Lawrence - Greene - Monroe - Brown - Morgan and Owen Counties

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the 700 members of the Indiana Sassafras Audubon Society. Usually, this organization focuses the protection of natural areas and wildlife locally--in the Midwest, especially in South Central Indiana.

But many of us have visited Alaska, and been awestruck by its vastness, wildness and indescribable beauty. We feel strongly that Alaska's coastal forest must be protected. We feel strongly that the draft restoration plan does not adequately protect the threatened coastline of the Gulf of Alaska.

We urge you to strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million. Already too much has been spent on overhead. We urge you to acquire large parcels of land for preservation rather than small tracts, surrounded by clearcuts. Specifically, we urge you to preserve and protect Kenai Fjords National Park coastline, the river valleys inside Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, the spruce forests of Afognak Island, and the spectacular coastline of Prince William Sound, including Eyak Corporation lands in the east, and Chenega Corporation lands and Knight Island in the west.

Personally, I visited this area a few years ago, and was disturbed by the vulnerability of so many areas, especially to clearcutting. When I return, I hope to see much more of Alaska preserved in a healthy, natural state.

Sincerely,

Dawn E. Hewitt
President

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cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel

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July 20, 1994

Dear Governor Hickel,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. Please keep my feelings in mind in any dealings you might have on this subject. I would like my children to see the beautiful coastal areas of Alaska just as you and I have seen them on our boating trips from Seward and Whittier.

Sincerely,


J. Gary Stoops

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Dear EVOS Trustee Council,

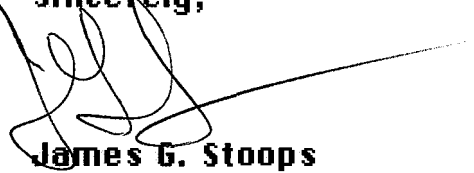
I am writing to urge you to use the most money possible for the Habitat Protection section of your directed task. I guess I'm most concerned about the proposed amount budgeted for studies. Things seem to get studied forever up here while the environment continues to degrade ever more rapidly.

The Wilderness Society has contacted me about this issue and they seem to make sense about preserving what we have to the full extent possible. I have seen effects of clear-cut logging as I fly to Seattle. I saw in the paper about the absolute lack of native salmon in the state of Washington, partially brought about by unwise logging practices. I have heard over and over again about the ruinous timber contracts we have in southeast Alaska.

I'm not sure what good can come of more studies. Perhaps the isolated areas from the oil spill that are still degraded can be studied. I don't see the sense of spending a lot of money to clean up little patches. Tanker spills from both world wars seem to have eventually been cleaned up on their own. And, please, spend as little as possible on attorneys.

I would like to see as much of this settlement money go to land acquisition as possible.

Sincerely,


James G. Stoops
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Anchorage, Alaska 99516

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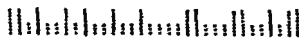
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Gov. Walter J. Hickel
State Capitol
P. O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811



Dear Governor Hickel - My husband & I visited ~~from~~ Alaska three years ago and are returning in 2 weeks. It is the most beautiful place left on earth! If you don't believe me, please come visit me & see what humans have done in the "Rust belt"! Thanks to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill settlement, you have the chance to go down in history as the man who saved Alaska's habitat and wilderness by wisely using this money. Please heed the cries of Sierra Club etc. To save large areas, strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million, slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles, etc. etc. Once the eagles are gone,

and all the trees are
cut, Alaska will
look like Cleveland
and all mankind
will be the worse
for it!! You personally
have the power to
change history and
make a name for
yourself forever as the
man who saved the
last frontiers.

Thank you,
Louis Griffith

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July 18, 1994

Dear Council members,

Having visited Alaska several times (once in February!), and being interested in her recovery after the tragic Exxon oil spill, we were surprised at your draft plan to cover expenditure of Exxon's \$900 million settlement. The money must be spent "to restore wildlife populations, wilderness values, and other injured resources." Yet under your draft, only $\frac{1}{3}$ of the money will go to protect habitat, which is obviously what needs to be done to accomplish the stated goal! Now clear-cut logging and other development is again decimating the same species that were injured by the oil. They do not need more studies — they need protected habitat.

Please reconsider your proposal, and strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to \$500 million! You can slash many of the "general restoration" projects (like the \$2 to



\$3 million for more studies and subsidizing
of questionable mariculture developments),
and save large parcels of land to help
restore wildlife populations. Kani-
tjords was our very favorite spot, and
it is particularly at risk since the spill.
We hope that you-all will allocate funds
to assure its restoration.

The Alaska rainforest is the world's
last largely-unlogged Temperate rainforest -
please see that it is protected for future
generations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Somme

Copy: Lori Walther-Hackel

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Walter J. Hickel
State Capitol
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Governor Hickel:

I am concerned about how the money from Exxon as payment for damages from the oil spill is being spent. So far, I have learned that not enough is being set aside to preserve wildlife habitat; I have learned in a letter from the Sierra Club that the third of the money already spent has been to finance clean-up, attorneys' fees, and scientific studies, while only \$50 million of the \$280 million spent has gone to preserve wildlife habitat.

I urge you, therefore, to do the following:

1. Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million;
2. Slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles;
3. Support large acquisitions, not puny parcels surrounded by clearcuts;
4. Save key areas: Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

These places are no longer threatened by the oil spill. They are, however, threatened by clear-cutting of the coastal temperate rainforests. To preserve these is critical for protecting wildlife such as the salmon fisheries, for the headwaters - the streams in which salmon spawn - are threatened by erosion from logging activities.

I suggest you do whatever you can to use the oil spill money to purchase critical wildlife habitat.

Yours truly,

David L. Lindstrom

Box 344, Talkeetna AK 99676
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Dear Governor Hickel,

There is important progress with you and the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council regarding habitat acquisition. Thanks for your support.

However, I want to request that ADEC Commissioner John Sander that we need a comprehensive deal for all of EVAK's timber rights. It is better for watershed quality, fish & game habitat, tourism, recreation to protect the whole area.

Timber rights for sure should be bought for critical areas like Rude River, Simpson Bay, Sheep Bay & Port Gravina.

Thanks for listening.

Becky Long

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Dear Gov. Walter Hickel,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that
I sent to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees.
Please listen to the concerned citizens of Alaska
who care about preserving the wild life and
the wild lands of our great state.

Thank-you

Dianne Swanides

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Dear Exxon Valdez Oil spill Trustees;

I have a few requests of you; please listen to them.

- Please strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to @ least \$500. million.
- Please slash the budget for "general Restoration" boondoggles.
- Please support large acquisitions of land; not puny parcels surrounded by clearcuts.
- Please don't allow any more clearcuts or development on Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak Island, Afognak Island, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.
- Please spend the rest of the settlement where it will be best served - to buy and protect wildlife habitat.

Thank-you

Jeanne Sarnides

314 Slater Dr W

Fairbanks, AK 99701

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EVOS TRUSTEE COUNCIL 7.23.94
120 W 9TH ST
Juneau, AK 99801

Honorable Council Chair:

- I write you to urge you to strengthen the habitat protection budget in the amount of \$500 million!
 - The General restoration portions of your statement must be rethought! Budget reduced!
 - I urge you to support large parcel acquisitions, rather than ones small and isolated by clearcut areas.
 - I urge you to save for our future generations to enjoy the Kenai Fjords Nat. Park, Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge, Adognak Is., Knight Is., Eyak and Chenequa land.
- I am sending a copy of my requests to Gov. Hickel. Sincerely,
AR Munro

P.O. Box 1088
Valdez, AK. 99686
July 22, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, Ak. 99501

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Dear Council,

Everything in this world is tied together through the food chain. The fact remains, whether we like it or not. Without adequate forests, our weather patterns and life of any kind on this earth is seriously threatened.

In view of this, please use the settlement money to buy up the precious rainforest of Alaska and help to save our world. Protection of wildlife habitat is in the long run a very real protection for ourselves and our life styles.

Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million and slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles. Buy up large section, not small slivers.

Areas of importance that you should try to protect are Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carolyn A. Bailey
Mrs. Carolyn A. Bailey

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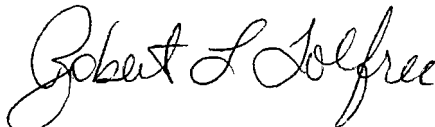
Dear Sirs:

We are writing in regards to the \$900 million in civil fines paid by Exxon and how this money is being spent. In the draft plan just released, less than 1/3 of the settlement is being used to protect the habitat damaged by this disaster. We feel strongly the "Habitat Protection" budget must be increased to at least \$500 million. The planned \$65-\$100 million to be spent on "General Restoration" reminds us greatly of "pork-barrel" politics. These budges expenses should be slashed significantly and move more of this money into the "Habitat Protection" budget.

We are in strong support of large acquisitions of habitat for preservation not simply tiny squares of land surrounded by clear-cut forests. We feel everything should be done to save the beautiful areas located in this portion of Alaska. This is to include the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Afognak Island, Chenega native lands, Knight Island, Eyak native lands and Kenai Fjords National Park.

Utilizing the funds from the settlement of this disaster to purchase and protect wildlife habitat is the very best way to restore the wildlife populations damaged and affected by the oil spill. Please adjust your proposed usage for this money and protect the last great temperate rainforest remaining and stop the devastation of the clear cut logging in this sensitive area.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.



Robert L. Tolfree
11800 W. 29th Place
Lakewood, CO 80215-7096



Claudia Hogue

cc: Walter J. Hickel, Governor

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Dear Council Members

We urge that the full remaining settlement funds go toward the purchase of wildlife habitat. The biggest single thing the council can do to protect wildlife for the future and to restore wildlife populations injured by the spill is to buy and protect wildlife habitat. In fact, the council is obligated to spend this money to restore wildlife populations, wilderness values and other injured resources.

You propose to spend only one-third of the settlement to protect habitat. This is not nearly enough to protect the hundreds of thousands of acres threatened from clearcutting and other harmful activities. Nearly one-third of the settlement (\$280 million) has already been spent --on cleanup, attorneys' fees and scientific studies, while less than \$50 million went for habitat. Now you plan to spend another \$65 million to \$100 million on "general restoration." A bloated budget of another \$200 to \$300 million would go toward studies.

One thing is certain, however, we already know oil kills birds and mammals. We don't have to study this fact anymore. We must spend all of the remaining money now to save as much habitat as possible, not on boondoggles which will do nothing to save habitat from clearcutting and development.

We urge you again to spend all of the remaining settlement funds on the purchase of wildlife habitat.

The Gregors
Alan and Monica Gregory
PO Box 571
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cc: Gov. Hickel

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EVOS Trustee Council
645 G St.
Anchorage AK 99501
ATTN: DEIS Comments

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RE: Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear DEIS Comments:

I urge you to shift money from "general restoration" to "habitat protection" to at least provide \$500 million dollars. Habitat protection is the only long term security for the species which have been so decimated to the Exxon environmental disaster. Buying large sections of land that surround greater ecosystems lengthens the long term security offered by your completion of the Restoration Plan. While studies may be very helpful in supporting such long term protection, what you have termed "general restoration" provides only short term relief to very isolated areas.

I would like to receive notification of any further chance for the public at large to provide comments to you or other interested parties in any matter addressing restoration or preservation of the Alaska wilderness.

Sincerely,

By


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cc: Gov. Walter Hickel

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10208 Wren Lane
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To: EVOS Trustee Council
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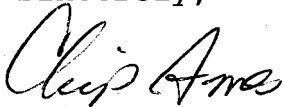
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RE: Habitat Protection

I am writing on behalf of the fish, wildlife and the ecosystems of Alaska's Coastal areas, and the people who depend on them, to encourage you to increase the Habitat Protection budget to at least \$500 million. I especially urge you to consider utilizing these funds to acquire the largest intact land areas possible in order to avoid further fragmentation of the complex coastal ecosystem.

Once an ecosystem begins to become unraveled, it is difficult, if not impossible, to restore the ecosystem to viability - I know, I came to Alaska from the Northwest where the cumulative effect of ecosystem degradation and fragmentation resulting from years of exploitation have resulted in the collapse of the salmon fishery. We still have a chance to think ahead and protect our magnificent coastal ecosystem for future generations.

Sincerely,


Chip Ames

cc: Governor Hickel

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FROM: Doug Koester
Environmental Health Specialist, NSHC
Nome, AK. 99762

I wish to comment on the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I strongly feel that both generations (20-30 or 30 and older) who are presently in control over our resources have already taken their share. It is time to consider our children and our children's children (and so on) when making these important environmental decisions. My hope is that the future generations can look back and be thankful that Alaska's coastal forest from Ketchikan to Kodiak was preserved. Rather than looking back with anger and disappointment of their greedy ancestors. With this in mind I must ask the following:

- Strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least 500 million;
- Support large acquisitions, not puny parcels surrounded by clear-cuts;
- Slash the budget for "General Restoration"

Please help us save the areas we all love for the future of our species. Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island, Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge, Kenai Fjords, etc. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Doug Koester, Environmental Health Specialist

cc Walter J. Hickel

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In Memory of Barbara Berger:
"The Barbara Berger Award for Excellence in Health Education"

Barbara Berger, a fellow health professional and friend, died at her home October 1, 1985 after a long illness. She was 34. A leader in health education and health promotion activities in Alaska and Washington, Barbara traveled extensively around Alaska teaching family planning and training health professionals. She worked as a Health Education Specialist for the State of Alaska on a Federal grant dealing with adolescent sexuality and in that position worked in the Area Health Education Office for four years. She was a health planner for the Municipality of Anchorage and devised the employee health promotion program that was expanded to a network throughout the Anchorage area. Most recently she was executive director of the Southcentral Health Planning and Development, Inc.

Barbara was a tremendously vital, dynamic, and caring individual, both professionally and personally. She accepted the enormous challenge of Executive Director (of SCHPD) when the future of Health Systems Agencies was seriously clouded by threats of closure/termination. Phaseout plans were integral parts of annual budgets and little significant support could be gleaned from governmental authorities to sustain the doubtful existence of health planning and development.

Barbara welcomed that challenge and forged a stability and credibility for SCHPD that is evident even today, throughout southcentral Alaska and the very State itself. She worked with and inherited a drastically reduced staff census, discharging all of her responsibilities with a keen insight, a rare analytical ability, and a genuine sense of dedication to all Alaskans. She forged a lasting niche in her field for each of us to assume a sense of unwavering pride in our agency and in our commitment to the people of this State. Her professional accomplishments were many - too numerous to list. Barbara actively sought an extensive information and education network that fostered a new growing sense of importance to the continuation of HSAs. She represented us well in the political arena, with mutual associates, and with agencies of a municipal and state stature. Her incredible resource of endless energy revitalized our cause, our mission, and our purpose. It formed a concrete foundation for a deep-rooted sense of values, philosophy, and commitment. And, equally as important were the many personal contributions she made to our lives. Her sense of humor, her eloquence, her leadership, and her dreams encouraged us to see beyond "what is" and look towards the future. Barbara gave us that rare and added dimension of self-realization and actualization that can only come on the wings of a human being with such a high and soaring spirit.

Barbara Berger was with us for such a short period of time, but we have all been touched by the magnificence of her soul, her steadfast courage, and her love - and we're all, by far, much richer for our friend, colleague, and Executive Director. We shall miss her, and we shall not see the likes of her again. And, as we have grown together with her towards our ultimate goal of an effective, humanistic, comprehensive, and intelligent health care delivery system for all Alaskans, be they young or old, rich or poor, Native or non-native - for all Alaskans, we shall remember. We shall remember that there was a vision, that there was a dream, - that we carry both forth as we remember Barbara Berger, as we extend our sincere condolences and support to her family, as we look back on that "one, brief, shining moment."

- From a letter to the Board of Directors of SCHPD by Steve Lesko, President, SCHPD.

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ALASKA MINERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

501 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 203, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 FAX: (907) 278-7997 Telephone: (907) 276-0347

July 21, 1994

Mr. Rod Kuhn
EIS Project Manager
Exxon Valdez Restoration Office
645 G Street, Suite 401
Anchorage, AK 99501-3451

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RE: Draft EIS for Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Plan

Dear Mr. Kuhn,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important document. The future of this area of the State will be determined by this EIS and we are concerned that unnecessary restrictions are being proposed. Mining and logging have been a part of this area since the turn of the century and significant opportunities remain for the future.

We are concerned that the DEIS has been written with no recognition of current mining practice and of the laws and regulations now in place. In various locations the DEIS shows a bias against mining without describing exactly why mining would be a problem. Negative, unsupported comments are made about mining but the positive benefits are not identified, discussed and analyzed.

Mining is a short term use of the land, after which the land will remain available for other uses. This should be recognized in the EIS under each of the alternatives.

When mining is discussed in this document it must include the positive benefits that result from mining. Many millions of U.S. citizens want to work and need jobs to support their families. These citizens have a right to have their need for jobs recognized in this EIS. Mining provides the highest paid blue collar jobs in the country. These jobs are challenging, skilled and year-around. The EIS must address the benefits that would result when valuable mineral deposits are identified in this area, as most certainly will be the case at some time in the future. Historic mining occurred and was economically viable at that time. Now with new technologies, deposits that were previously not economic will become viable.

The DEIS contains a strong undercurrent that "natural" is best. This is not correct and this view must be removed from the

document. Management of the land, wildlife and fisheries can result in a higher value than in the natural state. The land, wildlife and fisheries must be managed for the benefit of mankind. "Natural" areas are one of the needs of mankind but not the only need.

Mining can result in improved wildlife and fisheries habitat and this should be recognized in the EIS. For example, mining can provide improved moose browse over the natural habitat. If mining is in the vicinity of riparian areas these can be reclaimed to a more productive condition than the natural setting. Gravel can be sized and placed to provide for improved spawning areas as compared to the natural setting. Deep holes can be provided for wintering where none exist at the present, etc. These benefits to the wildlife and fisheries must be recognized and included in the EIS.

We do not agree that purchase of the land or mineral rights or logging rights, etc. by the government is appropriate. Such purchase will eliminate the possibility that these lands will ever be added to the tax rolls. The projected losses of property taxes must be included in the EIS.

Purchase of the land or mineral rights or logging rights will also result in restrictions to use by the public, even if the EIS allows some measure of development. Once the government controls the land and resources, groups opposing development of any kind will insure that any potential project is tied up in litigation so it cannot proceed.

We do not agree that if lands are purchased they should be closed to exploration and mining. Mining can be managed and the disturbed lands reclaimed to insure that permanent adverse impacts do not occur. If the option is included that lands may be closed to mining, it must be specified in the EIS that this has to be on a case by case basis and would have to be limited to the smallest possible area.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



Steven C. Borell, P.E.
Executive Director

cc: Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Frank Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
Governor Walter J. Hickel



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P.O. Box 272
Cedar Mountain, N.C., 28718
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EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK, 99501

Dear Sirs:

Please do not dribble away the remaining Exxon Valdez settlement monies on piddling "restoration" projects. Use major amounts of the funds for something significant like protecting major land and sea areas like Kenai Fjords, Afognak Island, and the like. Let's make sure the terrible oil spill has some truly long-range positive contributions to the magnificent natural heritage that is Alaska. My many visits to Alaska have convinced me that native Alaskans love this land as much as we visitors, and that this is the one remaining place where we still can do things right, taking advantage of the hard lessons in resource abuse we have experienced in the lower 48.

Sincerely,

William R. Thomas

William R. Thomas

cc: The Hon. Walter J. Hickel

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Wendy Schorr
173 North Rd.
Deerfield, NH 03037

July 21, 1994

Dear Governor Hickel,

I am writing in comment to the draft plan for use of Exxon civil fines. I am deeply concerned that only one third of the settlement money will go to protect habitat. I feel that use of funds toward further scientific studies is not as crucial as buying and protecting wildlife habitat.

Please increase the funding for habitat protection to at least \$500 million, and use these funds to purchase or add to large acquisitions, not small parcels surrounded by clearcuts. Please decrease funding for "General Restoration" projects. In particular I would ask that you consider additions to Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Afognak Island, and Kenai Fjords National Park.

Thankyou for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Wendy Schorr

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Subject: Comments on Restoration Plan DEIS.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Gentlemen:

My name is George A. Jones; I am a citizen of the USA; I reside at the above address. Please make my comments a part of the permanent record.

Distribution of the funds available from the 1991 Exxon Valdez settlement in the manner proposed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement would minimize the effectiveness of those funds in helping to restore wildlife populations injured by the Valdez oil spill.

The proposed allocation of funds is very heavily and unacceptably skewed in favor of activities that would have, at best, only minimal effectiveness in restoring injured wildlife populations. The share of funds allocated to the purchase and protection of wildlife habitat is ~~is~~ far too small, unrealistically so. Protection of wildlife habitat is the single most important item on any agenda designed to help the recovery of the injured populations.

The wildlife populations currently trying to recover from the oil spill are faced with enormous and increasing pressure from logging operations, many of the clear cut sort, and development. A large part of the remaining unlogged or undeveloped Alaska rainforest is in the hands of Native Corporations who are reported to prefer to sell their lands or timber rights to those who would protect them and the wildlife dependant upon them. The proposed allocation of funds would make it impossible to avail the nation of this opportunity to secure the future of wildlife in the coastal area.

my recommendations to the council follow:

1. Increase the all-important Habitat Protection budget to at least \$500 million
2. Effectively dismantle the General Restoration budget, *Eliminate* all those projects that have questionable or minimal merit in helping wildlife population recovery.
3. Greatly reduce the \$200/300 million allocation for scientific studies. Item 1 is the important one at this time. No lasting harm can come from deferring many studies.

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4. Use funds to acquire and protect large areas of unlogged Alaska rainforest. as a means for obtaining the maximum effect from the funds expended.
5. I suggest that particular attention be placed upon the protection of Kenai Fjords National Park, Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge, Knight Island, Knight Island, Afognak Island, Chenega lands and Eyak lands.

The stakes are very large here. The consequences of failure to accomplish the recovery of the injured wildlife populations are enormous. There is no room for pork barrel projects or for those of very limited value in attaining the goal of recovery. Considering the magnitude of the damage done by the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the sum of money available is severely limited. We can not afford to waste any of it.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Jones
George A. Jones

cc. Gov. Hickel

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn. DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, Alaska
99501

July 19, 1994

Subject - Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement

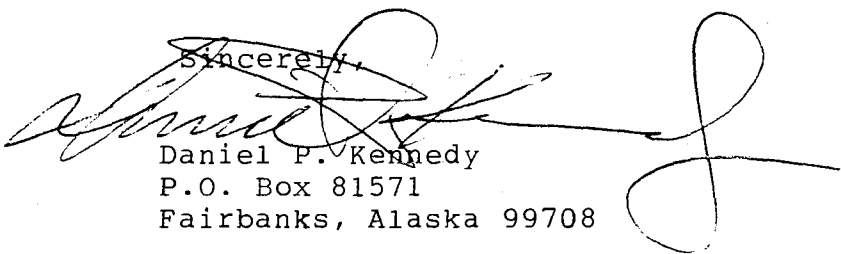
Dear Trustees,

It is in my opinion that it is in the best interest for future generations of Alaskans to allot Maximum Funds (at least 500 million) of the 900 million dollars in civil fines levied on Exxon Corporation to go directly into Habitat Protection of the Coastal Rainforest.

As Alaskans, we need to minimize wasteful spending of the public's money on attorney fees, and unnecessary (scientific study) and instead put that money into much needed Habitat Protection and land procurement for future generations while developing resources from this area in a very limited and ecological manner, if at all.

Please do not cave-in to political pressure from special interest groups. Instead, why not follow my advice and do something great that will have a beautiful, lasting impact for future Alaskans and visitors to enjoy forever! I feel it is the least that can and should be done considering the ecological damage done in the wake of the Oil Spill.

Sincerely,


Daniel P. Kennedy
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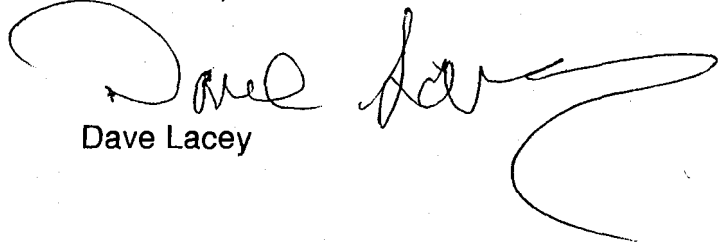
EVOS Trustee Council: Attention DEIS Comments
645 G Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Trustees:

I am writing to you to provide my comments on how to best spend the money that you control from the oil spill settlement funds. I would like the money spent on purchasing the timber rights to the native corporation lands in the oil spill areas to prevent clear-cutting that would destroy more habitat and further damage the already 'sick' area. Areas in particular that I can think of are Kodiak Island and the Eyak lands around Cordova. Large acquisitions in these areas would go a long way towards maintaining the health of the region. We do not need more studies. We know oil and the environment do not mix. Let's do something practical and save these lands that are in serious danger. This is the best long term use of the settlement funds.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

In service,


Dave Lacey

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3710 Ember Spring Drive
Kingwood, Texas 77339-1932
July 17, 1994

Dear Governor Hickel,

I thought you would like to see this letter I sent regarding the Exxon settlement funds.

As an EVOS trustee, I wish for you to know properly spend the Exxon settlement funds in a manner that will restore wildlife populations injured by the oil spill. It is fitting and proper that we do this for future generations. There, I strongly believe that you should make the following changes to your draft plan.

1. *Strengthen the 'Habitat Protection' budget to at least \$500 million.*
2. *Slash the budget for 'General Restoration' boondoggles.*
3. *Make large land/habitat acquisitions. Do not buy puny parcels surrounded by clearcuts.*
4. *Make sure you save the areas I loved as a tourist, Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Knight Island, Eyak lands and Afognak Island.*

As a trustee, you can make a mark for future generations. Do the right thing and save magnificent Alaska while there is still something left to save!

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Cordially,


Robert Markeloff

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Susan & Chandra Lundy
13534 Paseo del Mar
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June 18, 1994

EVOS Trustee Council
Attn: DEIS Comments
645 "G" Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Trustees:

It has been brought to our attention that your draft plan allows only one-third of the Valdez oil spill settlement to be set aside for habitat protection, while a bloated amount has been pinpointed for general restoration and scientific studies. Yet the best way to restore wildlife populations injured by the spill would be to use the settlement funds to buy and protect wildlife habitat. Please strengthen the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million, slash the budget for "General Restoration" boondoggles, and support large acquisitions, not puny parcels surrounded by clearcuts. The areas that should be protected include Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Afognak Island and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,


Susan Lundy


Chandra Lundy

cc: Governor Walter J. Hickel

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I am commenting on the intended use of the Exxon settlement funds in Alaska. I firmly believe these settlement funds should be used to buy and protect wildlife habitat, thus restoring wildlife populations injured by the oil spill.

Specifically, I believe the funds should be utilized to save such areas as Kenai Fjords National Park, Chenega lands, Knight Island, Eyak lands, Adognak Island and Kodiak Nat. Wildlife Refuge.

I also support strengthening the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million and slashing the budget for "General Restoration". I support large acquisitions such as those areas previously mentioned.

Thank You,
Ted L. Scherff

CC: Gov. Walter Hickel.

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18 July 1994

Governor Walter J. Hickel
State Capital
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to protecting the Alaskan rainforest along the southeast border of Alaska. I have learned recently that habitat for wildlife in the region may be threatened by clear cutting. The wildlife of this region is just starting to recover from the disastrous Exxon Valdez oil spill and many species in the region may not survive another blow. I support strengthening the "Habitat Protection" budget to at least \$500 million and doing away with the "General Restoration" budget which would siphon off precious funding for small, rather meaningless projects which will most likely have little to no impact for wildlife preservation if clear cutting is to continue. Alaska is the last great frontier where beautiful landscapes and amazing wildlife abound. Do not let lessons of past mistakes go unheeded and destroy our wilderness areas as so many blindly have in other regions of the United States. Please save Alaska.

Thank-you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Governor Hickel,

We first want to say thank-you for all the progress that you and the Trustees are making in the Trustee Council attempt to buy Eyak land again. The importance of the acquisition cannot be overstated.

However we wish to urge you to tell DEC Commissioner John Sander that we need to make a comprehensive deal for all of Eyak's timber rights. It is vital to buy timber rights in critical areas like Rude River, Simpson Bay, Sheep Bay, and Port Gravina.

If we can acquire the Eyak's timber rights we can ensure the health of the ecosystem which in turn will guarantee the development of tourism industry in the sound while protecting the health of the commercial fishing industry.

Sincerely,

Mitchell & Hope Clark

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Governor Walter Hickel

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811

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Dear Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees:

I am writing to express my concern over the use of spill settlement monies. My understanding is that the money must be used on restoring wildlife populations, wilderness values, and other injured resources. It is my feeling that at this point, five years after the spill, we need to be involved in action as opposed to more dialogue or studies.

Please begin putting the funds to use by purchasing large land tracts, and not piece-meal tracts already effected by clearcutting. Work toward saving Afognak Island, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge and Kenai Fjords National Park. Try to strengthen the Habitat Protection budget to a minimum of \$500 million. And, put an end to projects with questionable outcomes that suck up important resources which could be better used.

I thank you for your time and effort to best use Exxon settlement funds by purchasing wildlife habitat and helping restore wildlife populations injured by the oil spill.

Sincerely Yours,

Susan Downes-Borko
Mrs. Susan Downes-Borko
P.O. Box 3868
Soldotna, AK 99669

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P.O. Box 3593
Homer, AK 99603

Gov. Walter J. Hickel
State Capitol,
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

Hello:

The following is a copy of a letter I sent to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council regarding the Restoration Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I wish to comment on the Restoration Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement and how the \$900 million civil settlement with Exxon is to be spent. I understand that 1/3 of the settlement will go towards protecting wildlife habitat. I believe the best restoration efforts for the areas affected by the spill lie in habitat protection and therefore suggest that 1/2 of the settlement funds go toward habitat protection. It is a waste of funds to spend money on "general restoration" boondoggles such as mopping up small widely scattered patches of oil and subsidizing questionable fish hatcheries and mariculture developments. Spend the funds on acquiring land in the area affected by the oil spill and prohibit logging and mineral development. Ecosystems are resilient to environmental disasters, such as the Valdez oil spill, if the are left intact. As hard as Industry tries, they cannot completely insure that another oil spill will not happen. However, protection of the area from logging and mining development, which are threats to the integrity of the ecosystem, are within our control. I urge you to spend 1/2 half of the settlement funds on habitat acquisition and to protect the area from timber and mineral development.

Sincerely,

Mark Schollenberger
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