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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Chugach National Forest Plan Revision. As a non-motorized backcountry traveler I find it important to maintain and expand designated non-motorized areas. Backcountry skiing is growing in popularity every year and non-motorized areas keep backcountry travelers safe from snowmachiners who may not see them in a storm or may accidentally trigger an avalanche above them. It seems that clear boundaries are a must in order to actually enforce separation between motorized and non-motorized areas. For example the road on Turnagian Pass very effectively separates the motorized and non-motorized areas. Finally, climate change is already altering our ecosystems and should be reflected in any forest plan revisions.