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Comments:

I have been in Alaska for 10 years now and the last 6 have been snowmachining in the Chugach Mountains. I have not been witness to a snowmachine harming or negatively impacting the environment in any way. Snowmachines have allowed me the opportunity to see the beauty and wonders this awesome state has to offer. It is important to keep areas open for sight seeing, photography, as well as for those unable to access these areas on their own physical power. The snowmachining community not only supports the local businesses and economy it keeps our youth active and in the great outdoors vs sitting in front of a computer monitor. This community is now also allowing those who have had unfortunate accidents get back into the mountains where they love to be and stay active. I think with sledding companies now making accessories specific to carrying skis and boards on the sleds for backcountry access this should speak loudly to the way things are going. I ask that you consider allowing us all to enjoy the mountains as we see fit whether it be on foot or on a sled, co-existing, and enjoying what our great Chugach mountains have to offer. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this manner.