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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today in an effort to highlight the importance of motorized access within the National Forrest service, specifically Chugach.

Motorized (Snowmobile) access here in Alaska provides many of us the opportunity to visit otherwise untouchable places of our beautiful State. The exploration not only provides enjoyment for many of us, but it also helps to raise awareness and create appreciation for our resources and parks.

Disregarding the stigmas some use to associate snowmobiles and the environment... Much of the rideable or skiable terrain would not be accessible without the use of snowmobiles. The Park Service Professionals go through great lengths to ensure riding areas aren't opened up prematurely and the terrain is as best protected as possible. To add to that, the level of education about "best practices" and safety being passed through organizations such as Chugach National Forrest Avalance Information Center (CNFAIC) and social media helps create a culture where we police ourselves. Not every person does the right thing all the time on either side of the highway, but I can assure you most of us go out of our way to educate and clean up after one another.

I hope you consider this any any other opinions deeply and recognize the importance motorized access plays in both education, safety, and simply enjoyment within the NF.

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