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As a lifelong Alaskan and descendant of a Homestead/Pioneer family of this exceptionally beautiful State, I am very "in touch" with what the Chugach National Forest has to offer. I have experienced it first hand in many forms and by many methods of travel. I respect the land and enjoy every chance I get to explore and take in the incredible beauty and peacefulness of what most of us Alaskans call "our backyard".

Weather it be by foot, by horseback or one of the more controversial methods ATV or Snowmobile. The land always seems to say the same thing to me.... it is there to be explored, it is there to be appreciated and it does not discriminate.

I recently used my snowmobile to access an area of the Chugach that would not have been possible by foot. I appreciate this privilege and know that many of my fellow Alaskans do as well. With adequate snow coverage I noted on my trip that my snowmobile never sunk below the top few layers of snow pack, therefore leaving less of an impact than if I had been on foot.

I encourage the U.S. Forestry Dept. to continue conducting non-biased studies on the impact of snowmobiles during winter recreation and ask that we do not close any area that is not currently closed to snowmobile use during winter.

Thank you and regards.

Beau Broussard,