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Comments:

As a motorized user of the Chugach National Forest for the better part of 15 years and probably 150+ snowmachining trips into almost every motorized location in the CNF, I have never encountered someone else skiing, hiking, snow-shoeing, camping, etc. that did not get to their location without using motorized transportation. To even entertain the idea that the non motorized user group is being over-run by the motorized group is asinine.

Something I think that could really benefit both user groups is a trail clean up program to give both groups quicker and easier access to the back country. Take Primrose or Lost lake trails for example. The trails are narrow and poorly built with fallen trees and bushes making travel difficult. Our warm winters and low snow fall at low elevation lately exacerbates the problem. If I was to come across a non-motorized user on these trails (which again I never have) I can not give them the wide berth we both desire. By allowing a group to clean the trails up by cutting brush back, removing fallen logs, and maybe making small wood bridges over some of the open creeks and trickles, it would allow both groups better access to the high country where the better snow is. Better trails would keep motorized users on the trails and help keep resource damage from being a problem.

By going to an A season/B season plan it will only cause more congestion at the remaining open areas. Not allowing the motorized users access is not going to make them stay home, it is only going to force more motors into an already small user area. Continuing to allow motorized access to these areas is also critical for the small communities on the Peninsula. When I go riding I often stop off in cooper landing, moose pass, or gird wood, and spend money. Without motorized users buying snacks and fuel at these small communities their already strained economies would see an impact

In the very worst scenario nothing should be done to the current 2002 plan. In a best case scenario more land should be opened to motorized users as both motorized and non-motorized users should have equal access to the CNF. That is a truly fair situation, but I understand that is impossible.

Thanks for your time