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Comments:

As an avid user of the Chugach Forest I think this management plan is a great opportunity to take a look at the current involvement of user groups, land access and overall activity of the land we recreate. I was born and raised in this state and see the Chugach as my backyard just like many others whether it be via foot or motorized. I have now turned what was a hobby with motorized use into a profession and with that comes responsibilities of education and awareness. With the user groups growing and technology advancing we are seeing people and machines reaching further and further into the backcountry at an accelerated rate and safely at that. The way the rules stand to date we are limiting access to so many beautiful places that are easily accessible to one or more user groups generally causing crowding of a given area. Turnagain is a perfect example of this as we see the user group growing but that group is limited to the west side of the highway. With that said though, the number of skiers/hikers/snowboarders/paragliders using the motorized side is growing at an alarming rate. My point here is not to point fingers or play the blame game, I want all user groups to be able to venture out and have equal land access in the future revision. Why limit user groups as we live in this state to enjoy it all the same but in a different way. I hope to also pass on my love for the outdoors and recreation to my two young boys and without limits or boundaries for one group or the other. Please take into account equal land use, user education, and extended user areas.