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Comments:

I would like to say that have recreated in the Chugach National Forest for over 2 decades. I love the forest and it is a wonderful treasure.

Some of our recreation involves motorized vehicles - boats and snowmachines. Although I think a wilderness character is a good thing, and there are many places in the forest with that character, I don't think any of it should be designated wilderness and lockout many opportunities to enjoy the forest. This is not a national park. It is supposed to be open to reasonable uses.

I believe recreational snowmachining is one of those reasonable uses that should be allowed in most of the forest. Everybody I ride with understands and respects closing areas when there is not enough snow to protect vegetation from damage. However, when there is enough snow, we should be allowed to recreate in the forest on snowmachines.

There are only about 4 months in a year when we can ride in areas that currently allow snowmachine use. Most of the year, no motorized vehicles are allowed in the majority of the forest. Many people want to designate large areas of the forest wilderness. I don't that is what the forest for, to only look but not touch.

Please keep most of the Chugach National Forest open to snowmachines when there is adequate snow. No designated wilderness.