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Comments:

The Chugach National Forest is a precious natural resource. It should be managed and protected against expanded degradation by logging, mining and motorized use. Trapping and hunting with firearms should be limited to areas away from heavy public use. Trapping specifically should be restricted in the front range around Anchorage and within 3 miles of road access, especially in Turnagain, Hope and Summit areas. Management has done a good job restricting snow machine use in times of low snow cover. This must be continued and maintained throughout the forest. The recent use of snow machines to groom cross country ski trails on the non-motorized side of Turnagain Pass is contrary to the management plan. Groomed ski trails are a good recreational addition to Turnagain pass but should be consistent with current plan of motorized use and be groomed on the motorized use side of the pass.

ATVs of all types are responsible for severe damage to the forest and should be restricted throughout the forest. These machines should not be allowed to drive off of designated trails or roads.