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Comments:

My name is Eric Visser,

Thank you for your efforts and willingness to include all user groups in the Chugach Forest Service Revision Plan.

I have lived in Alaska for the last 11 years. I have been riding snowmachines in the Chugach since the first winter I lived here. As a resident of the State of Alaska and citizen of the United States I oppose losing any right to motorized access of these public lands. I large majority of the Chugach is already restricted to non-motorized use and what's left shall remain intact, if not expanded, for future generations.

The Forest service initiated a plan in 2002 that was extremely prejudice against the motorized user group and then amended it in 2007 to further limit the areas we are allowed to recreate in. In 2017 I watched as the Seward ranger district allowed heli skiing into Lost Lake beginning in November and then didn't open it to snowmobiles until January 2018. The Seward ranger district has pushed back the opener of Lost lake every year since 2012 even when there have been adequate snow conditions to prevent resource damage.

Please consider leaving the current access in place and working toward opening more motorized areas for future generation.