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Comments:

My name is Bonnie Welsh .

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

I currently live in Anchorage , and have been living in Alaska for 42 years. I have enjoyed riding snowmachines in the Chugach for 8 years, and I typically go 12-20 times a year. As a motorized user, I oppose losing any right to motorized access of these public lands. A large majority of the Chugach is already restricted to non-motorized use, and what's left should remain intact, if not expanded, for future generations.

The areas I access the forest are: Placer Drainage area, Skookum, Lost Lake, Turnagain. There are other areas which I plan to some day ride but will do so with a paid guide perhaps.

The rights of motorized user groups have diminished since 2002 when The National Forest Service initiated the Forest Land Management Plan. These plans have long favored other user groups and I urge you to bring a balance to the allowed usage to all groups.

Please consider leaving the current access in place and work toward opening more areas for future generations. Consider partnering with groups in the motorized community to bring about maintenance of parking areas and crucial habitat protections for sensitive areas that require some trail maintenance throughout the season. There are groups and clubs that are willing to step up to the plate to sustain our access rights. I appreciate your time.

Kind regards,

Bonnie Welsh

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