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To whom it may concern, this is Jeremiah Van Hout.

I have been living in Alaska for 24 years, and currently reside in Soldotna, Alaska. I have thoroughly enjoyed riding sleds (snowmachines) in the Chugach National Forest and surrounding since I was able to ride, and definitely in all seriousness in the last 9 years. I look forward to and ride every weekend and more when possible with friends and family. As a motorized user (snowmachines mostly), I strongly oppose losing any and more rights to motorized access of these public lands. Sadly a large majority of the Chugach is already restricted to non-motorized use, and I believe that what's left shouldn't be restricted even more but possibly even expanded, for those that enjoy it both motorized and non-motorized, including those in future generations.

The areas I most frequently access the Chugach national forest are, Johnson Pass, Turnagain Pass, Skookum Valley, Lost Lake, and Resurrection Pass.

The rights of motorized user groups have diminished since 2002 when The National Forest Service initiated the Forest Land Management Plan and it must stop.

Please consider leaving the current access in place and work toward opening more areas for us and future generations.

Thank you kindly for considering this smaller group of motorized users,
Jeremiah Van Hout