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Comments:

Snowmobiling in the Chugach range provides multiple advantages to the area, to include:

-Trail maintenance funded by registration fees, club dues, and thousands of hours of volunteer time to improve trails and structures for all winter recreationalists.

- Millions of dollars pour back into the economy. Snowmobiling generates around 26 billion dollars across the United States benefitting businesses small and large nationwide. Around 35 million is generated in Alaska alone.

-Cooperative partnerships between snowmobilers, land use managers and law enforcement have helped with avalanche rescues, trail monitoring and overall safety for all winter recreationalists in the backcountry.

- Numerous scientific studies have concluded there are no detrimental effects to vegetation or soil from snowmobiling. Once the snow melts, there are literally no signs snowmobiles were ever even in the area.

- More emphasis needs to be placed on requiring varying user groups to 'play together in the sandbox' versus succumbing to pressures to segregate uses. Education should be focused on how to better 'share the powder' rather than enacting more area closures

We motorized snow recreationalists are passionate about taking care of the land we enjoy so much. There is no better group of individuals to ensure the land is in good shape for future generations to enjoy.

Thanks for your time,

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Tim Carter