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Comments:

As a life long Alaskan and winter backcountry enthusiast, by means of skiing and snowmachining, I see both sides to motorized use in the greater CNF. That being said I am against any proposed option which would cut back on winter motorized access in the CNF. In fact, I would like to see more motorized use opened up through the use of corridors to further isolate motorized and non-motorized users.

I love skinning and backcountry skiing in a natural, untouched, and non-sound effected areas, of which these areas are plentiful. When snowmachining is opened up because of enough snow coverage I love getting in 10x as many runs by use of snowmachine access, and when I feel like skinning then I go to areas away from snowmachine use to get that experience. The new snowmachines are quiet, efficient, and are great tools for accessing the backcountry, 5+ miles beyond the road system that I am limited to when skiing without a snowmachine.

I understand and respect the need to designate wilderness, and I think wilderness protected areas are one of Alaska's greatest resources; however I do not support any effort on cutting back winter motorized access. As this is the primary means of which backcountry users in Alaska can access and enjoy these lands.