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Comments:

First and foremost, I want to thank you for allowing Alaskans to provide input and feedback on this forest plan revision.

When I moved to Alaska eight years ago, it was out of the same spirit of adventure and discovery that have brought so many others north to this great state. And in the years I have settled, matured and gotten married here, I have learned to embrace the many opportunities to discover and challenge myself that Alaska has to offer. Most recently, I have purchased a snowmachine, which I frequently use to access motorized areas in the Chugach National Forest. The objectives are sometimes different-a scenic ride in the mountains, access to backcountry skiing, or sometimes access to a remote cabin-but the results are always the same: breathtaking views, adrenaline racing adventures, and memories with close friends that will last a lifetime.

To provide this same experience for myself and other Alaskans in the future, I ask for maintaining the current access for motorized use in the Chugach National Forest. I am concerned when I review the plan revision maps that have been developed, particularly options C/D, which will drastically reduce access for me and other snowmachiners that wish to enjoy the forest. Option B is the preferred option to the list, but I would ask for several revisions to this map:

- 1) Show the motorized corridor up the 20mile river on the map.
- 2) Ensure that the ice fields south of Whittier, and around Blackstone Bay, are accessible from Whittier to ANILCA lands.
- 3) Consider including Valdez/Cordova as motorized access in option B.

Thank you again for your consideration and dedication to hearing the voice of Alaskans.

Paul Koch