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Comments:

Dear Forest Supervisor,

I have lived in Alaska for the last 11 years. I currently live in Anchorage, right on the door step of Chugach National Forest.

I love being able to leave my house and in 45 mins be in Turnagain pass to snowmachine. I also enjoy going to the public use cabin at Crescent Lake with my snowmachine. I've been in some areas that I guarantee wouldn't be possible on foot in the summer.

I fully support Alternative A with this MODIFICATION: Please leave current motorized access to crescent lake in Place! I have been there before in the winter and I look forward to going back again. My girlfriend and I have snowmachined out to the public use cabin and have enjoyed spending the night out there taking pictures, watching northern lights, snowmaching and snowshoeing

On an annual basis I spend around \$10,000 recreating in the Chugach. This goes to a lot of different business in and around the Chugach. I use the Whittier tunnel, buy countless gallons of gas in Girdwood, buy parts at local motorsports shops and buy about 50 slices of pizza at COAST.

I'm so strongly apposed to alternative C and D because of the motorized restriction that will be put in place. I urge you to keep in place all current motorized access AND open more areas for us to explore. There are some amazing places I've been in Johnsons Pass, Lost Lake, Nelly, and Turnagain and I would love to see what else the Chugach has to offer.

I'm also opposed to designating and more wilderness area. Losing access to Nellie Juan Lake and Blackstone Bay is unacceptable. People have been riding there for generations and I would like to take my kids there one day.

In regards to opening more access to snowmachines, I encourage you to develop snowmaching corridors where possible. 20 mile and placer have great snow at elevation all year long. I would love to see a developed trail to cross the lower elevations when snow cover is less than adequate to reach higher elevations. There is a lack of money spent by the forest service to improve access for motorized users, please work to change that. Also, Lost Lake always has great snow at elevation. With a better developed trail we would be able to access it for more months a year.

Finally your current maps and proposals are pretty unclear as to where motorized use is allowed and where its not. Please develop a single "Winter Motorized Use" map so people have a clear idea of where they can ride and where they can't.