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Comments:

I would like to go on the record that as a Lifelong Alaskan I fully support the continued use of motorized vehicles in Prince William Sound and the Chugach National Forest. My family has been using Prince William Sound for multiple generations to gather food(Halibut, Salmon, Rock Fish, LingCod, Shrimp, Deer, Bear, Ducks, Geese). It is not the decision of outside groups to tell Alaskan's how we can use our State. That is like myself telling my cousin in Colorado where he is allowed to go hunting even though I have never been there and know nothing about their lifestyles or laws. The cost of living is so high here and with little to no access to fresh food(and the price of the "fresh" we get is extremely high) we are forced to gather food for ourselves if we want to provide for our families economically. This is also a form of recreation we do as a family together and no one has the right to take that away. My 5 year old son goes with us on the boat to pull shrimp pots every summer, and helps reel in the Silvers every fall. It would be devastating to take those opportunities away from us. These trips also provide for our neighbors and friends who aren't as fortunate as us, on days we are extra successful and within our bag limits, we share with our members of our communities. Our neighbors who have 5 kids always get a package of halibut when we come back from fishing, or shrimp, or deer roast. My coworkers enjoy the roasts, fillets, burgers I bring into work to share with them.

The same goes for the Chugach National Forest, the existing regulations aren't broken or wrong there is no need to change them. Motorized access provides multiple recreation opportunities for people around the state that helps fuel the local economy. There are great annual events in these areas that draw people from all over the state. This provides a much needed boost in the slow winter months for many small business connected to these areas. This is another area my Family has enjoyed for generations, and will continue to enjoy for multiple generations as Alaskans in the Future. I have multiple friends and family who use motorized vehicles to access winter ice fishing lakes, or ptarmigan and grouse hunting grounds in the winter. And we co exist just fine with the non motorized winter enthusiasts also. I have personally given rides to skiers and snowboarders to the top of the mountain so they can enjoy the amazing mountain experiences we have to offer. Almost all the riders I know today enjoy Snowmobiling, and Skiing/Snowboarding. This is not a decision that should be influenced by outsiders who have never stepped foot in a year round Alaskans shoes. This is the reason why we live here if you take away these opportunities you will be taking away from the economy, culture and livelihoods of an extraordinarily large amount of Alaskans.

Thankyou for Listening and please ignore outsiders when making these decisions they do not care how it affects our lives and the lives of multiple generations of the future.

Kyle Anderson  
Life Long Alaskan!!!