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To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the Chugach Forest Plan Revision and my opposed stance to this revision.

I have lived in Alaska for the last 17 years, and have strongly benefited emotionally, physically and spiritually from many visits into the Chugach Forest. This has been a go to place for many of us Alaskans to be able to enjoy the serenity of where we choose to live. When we are able to get out, and be in nature snow machining, hiking, hunting or whatever the reason may be, we experience a wealth of happiness in a state that can be cold and dreary for months. There are many new friendships made amongst very caring people that you will carry with you through your life. There are families wither they be Father - Son, Mother - Daughter, Husband - Wife, etc that use these areas for therapeutic use and create a bond that may have not been able to be created or repaired if it were not for the ability to get into the forest. We feed ourselves being able to get access to these areas and teach our young how to survive or live off an area that is able to. Please don't take that away. The snow machine areas are needed to keep this happiness for many of us.

Besides the mental and physical benefit of motorized use in the mountains there is a direct effect on the economy to many local businesses who, at this time of recession, cant afford to lose any business. Motorized use is expensive, and a lot of money goes into equipment, maintenance repairs, accessories, gas, food at restaurants or grocers and this list goes on.

So not only do I feel this has an impact on many, many people personally, I also feel this has a direct impact on our economy. And for this reason, I STRONGLY disagree with this revision. Please hear our thoughts and listen to the people of this community.

With Regards,

Jamie Schmitt