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Comments:

My family and I love the great Alaska outdoors and hike, boat, and ride to many of the Public Use cabins scattered throughout the state. I believe that keeping access open to motorized vehicles enhances safety in numbers as well as opens up non-motorized use during winter months because people feel safer when traveling with small children on packed and well established trails that the motorized users create. This is especially true for my family when exploring new areas to see new sights for new adventures. I have been on both the receiving end of getting help from the motorized users when stranded with my children and we have also helped others when I was using motorized vehicles. Motorized use greatly enhances all peoples ability to get to help quickly when facing an emergency which cannot happen if motorized use is restricted due to distances traveled to some of these remote locations. My family, which includes 5 or more children, is normally prepared for most situations such as getting wet in winter months, extended stays, extra clothes, extra food, chain saw, emergency kits, etc which we simply could not have if we were walking in because we tote it all on sleds towed behind our machines. Sometimes we are literally 40 or 50 miles from the nearest populated section of highway at night, for the weekend or longer, in Public Use reserved cabins which we would not attempt to do if we could not get to help quickly if you take away our motorized access. Winters are long here and I believe that our getting out teaches our children to be productive members of society in our now seemingly crime ridden state. Please do not restrict motorized use as it really helps even those opposed to it in many ways that people cannot see unless they actually use the parks in the winter months. Thank you.