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To Whom It May Concern,

I am an avid recreationalist in the Chugach National Forest. I would like to comment on the proposed forest plan revision.

I have been using the CNF land for snowmachining, mountain biking, hiking, skiing and fishing since 1995 and would like my children and future generations to enjoy the recreational freedom that I have enjoyed. My daughter has recently begun snowmachining and we frequently utilize the CNF for winter motorized use in Whittier, Placer River and its drainages, Turnagain Pass, Johnson Pass, Trail Lake, Grandview, Snow River, Nellie Juan and Lost Lake. As a resident of Anchorage, when I travel for recreation in the CNF I frequently contribute to the commerce of Girdwood, Whittier, Moose Pass and Seward through the purchase of fuel, supplies, food and lodging.

In reviewing the current proposals, I find alternative's C and D unacceptable. I am of the opinion that the winter motorized trailheads and access points are insufficient for the number of users. Some examples would be the parking areas at the trailheads for Johnson Pass, Snow River, Primrose and the firehouse side of Lost Lake. Another consideration is early season access when there is sufficient snow depth at elevation just above the trailhead but minimal snow at the trailhead. Widening some of the trails such as Lost Lake would open the tree canopy allowing early season snow cover of the trails. Also, I would like to see further areas opened to motorized use such as Center Creek in Johnson's Pass and Mills creek in between Hope and Moose Pass.

The CNF is a large area and there is no reason it cannot be shared by all groups, both motorized and non-motorized.

Thank you,

Dempsey Thieman