

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jeremiah Cruz Ikayuaq Smith and I am an Alaskan Native and lifelong resident. I was born and raised in Alaska and I am STRONGLY opposed to losing any more acres of snowmachine terrain on the Kenai Peninsula and other regions in the Chugach National Forrest. That being said I find alternatives C and D UNACCEPTABLE. Manufactures of all types of motorized recreational vehicles have made significant progress in, quieter, more fuel efficient snowmobiles to meet changing demands to be able to allow folks like myself and my family the ability to access more of beauty of the CNF while being more efficient. Inconsistent snow at lower elevations is a major concern and I feel strongly that we need to maintain what riding areas we have today and for future generations, including my young children. I support the widening of motorized trails to allow safer access to areas such at Lost Lake down in Seward. I also feel that it is very important that the use of motorized access corridors like 20 Mile or South Fork of Snow River remain open to motorized use for recreational.

Some of my best and most cherished memories include my first time riding in Turnagain Pass and Lost Lake via access though the firehouse trail down in Seward. As native to the North Slope of Alaska I had no idea of the amazing landscapes and sheer beauty contained in our wonderful state until I had accessed many of those areas via snowmachine. As a 14 year Navy Veteran I have traveled the world and am still blown away by my time spent recreating in Turnagain Pass, Lost Lake, 20 mile and many other areas via snowmachine. In my humble opinion, nothing compares to my countless trips with friends and family to the Chugach National Forrest. To restrict access to these areas would be doing a huge disservice to future generations who would choose to experience the Chugach National Forrest though motorized means.

In summary I support option B and oppose the recommendation to classify any additional acreage as wilderness in any plan for the CNF. I appreciate the time that it took you to ready my letter and hope my message finds you in good spirits and I look forward to being able to continue to make memories with my close friends and families though motorized recreational means.

Respectfully,

Jeremiah Smith