

Chugach National Forest District,

As an Anchorage resident I frequent the Chugach National Forest and the Kenai Peninsula on a regular basis. My summers are filled with rafting, 4-wheeling, and some occasional mountain biking. My winters are filled with snow machining and cross-country skiing. As an Alaska resident who participates in both motorized and non-motorized activities, I understand the importance and challenge of balancing access for all user groups.

I would like to voice my preference to Chugach Land Management Plan B. I am in favor of offering the maximum amount of access for all user groups including maintaining motorized access in the Chugach National Forest. The areas of my primary concern would be Placer River, Twentymile, Skookum Glacier, Spencer Glacier, Squirrel Flats, Turnagain Pass, Carter Lake, Crescent Lake, Lost Lake, Snug Harbor, Powerline Pass (yes the notorious Upper Huffman), Hope, and the Whittier Glacier access points.

Limiting recreational areas and opportunities for future users should not be part of the Chugach Land Management Plan. Motorized and non-motorized users can share the forest while being respectful of one another. As someone who will snow machine up Seattle Ridge on Saturday yet go back-country ski Manitoba Mountain on Sunday I know this can be accomplished.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, I appreciate the work you do.

Regards,

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