

Good Morning, my name is Ryan Ertz. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read through pages of comments and concerns addressing the wilderness proposal for the Chugach National Forest. As an Alaskan Resident, I grew up in these mountains. Whether it be hiking and hunting in the summer, or snowmachining "snowmobile" and skiing in the winter. I've had the chance to look through some of the maps and areas that are going to be affected, and it is very troubling to me that my joys and freedoms that have made me grow to love this state so much may be impacted for my kids to love as much as I have.

Areas of concern:

Options C and D are very concerning for me due to the restrictions it would impose to the riding community, and I strongly Oppose them. I believe Plan B could be a great plan to help expand the area to use and enjoy. Not only would this have an impact on myself, but local businesses that sell, repair, and guide on these areas. Local restaurants that may only be thriving during weekends of large snowfalls, when people from all over the state gather to head to the mountains and grab a bite to eat on their way home. There are many impacts that this would affect, and I think need to be a large concern. The people who LIVE IN ALASKA AND USE THESE AREAS are very concerned we will lose our ability.

Computer "glitch":

I also would like to take the time to address the Glitch that has been going on. I strongly believe that this was a targeted attack against the Motorized community, as I have Personally witnessed friends comments become changed completely around from what they said. I know you are doing everything you can to ensure this is an accurate option, But I think it is important to remember that possibly thousands of comments were swayed to the other direction. As of Right now, the only comments that I have seen change were those against options C and D. they were changed to Support C and D, which is very troubling to me.