My name is Rich Loftin.

First off, thank you for your efforts and willingness to include all user groups in the Chugach Forest Service Revision Plan.

I currently live in Valdez, and have been living in Alaska for 35 years. I have enjoyed riding Mountain Bike, Fat Tire Bikes, snowmachines, dirtbikes, and side by sides in the PWS and CNF regions for 17 years, and I typically go a 100+ times a year. As a motorized user, I oppose losing any right to motorized access of these public lands. A large majority of the Chugach is already restricted to non-motorized use, and what’s left shall remain intact, if not expanded, for future generations.

The areas I access the forest are: Valdez and Cordova areas, Marshall Pass, Thompson Pass, Eureka area, Tonsina area, Klutina Area, Stephens glacier area, Tazlina area, Columbia glacier area, Copper river area, etc.

The rights of motorized user groups have diminished since 2002 when The National Forest Service initiated the Forest Land Management Plan and it must stop.

Please consider leaving the current access in place and work toward opening more areas for future generations.

Thank you,
Rich Loftin