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Chugach National Forest Supervisors Office
National Forest Service - USDA
161 East 1st Street, Door 8
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Subject: Comments on the Draft Chugach Management Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

The intent of this letter is to document a born and raised Alaskan's dissatisfaction and concerns with the provided alternatives in the Draft EIS.

One of the primary reasons I choose to live, work, and grow a family in the Anchorage area is the outdoor recreational opportunities the Anchorage area, specifically the world class snowmachining that the Chugach National Forest has provided my entire life. I was born and raised in Anchorage and have lived my entire life in Anchorage. Being raised in a family where the outdoors and recreation were of the outmost priority I have spent a great deal of time in the Forest hunting, fishing, berry picking, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, and most importantly snowmachining. The thought of reduced motorized riding areas and access restrictions to a fundamental part of my life is disheartening.

I understand the challenges of managing the forest for multi-use and establishing areas with opportunities of varying wilderness experiences. That being said the ONLY alternative that is fair and equitable to the motorized user group is the No Action Alternative A. If a change must be adopted I would recommend Alternative B with the following modifications: 1) A motorized access corridor be established to access the Center Creek area of Johnson Pass, 2) All of the other Kenai recreational class changes from the *Kenai Winter Access Project* findings be modified to alternate between Motorized to Non-Motorized every year (ideally opposite of the Resurrection Pass usage).

Additionally in an effort to reduce impacts to non-motorized users in the vicinity of motorized areas I would be open to decibel limits for engine noise (essentially eliminating aftermarket cans that can very loud and disturbing to anyone or animal nearby).

Sincerely,

Corey Roche, Lifelong Anchorage Resident
