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Comments: I have been riding Snow machines in Chugach National Forest for 25 years. I have watched as the US forest service continues to shutdown areas to motorized users since the 2002 forest plan was initiated.

Proposed forest plans B,C,& D all close down areas that I ride today. Why would you want to cram all of the snowmobiles from the peninsula and anchorage in one tiny area around Lost Lake. There is already a significant amount of the Chugach designated as non-motorized from the 2002 plan and the amendments from 2007. The additional Primitive land in proposed plans B,C,&D is unacceptable.

The forest service needs to open up MORE area to winter motorized use not close it down.

Alaska has the highest rate of suicide per capita in the country. The US forest service Proposal of shutting down large areas of the Peninsula's riding zone will take away a huge recreational opportunity in the winter for many of its residents. The rate of suicide in the United States was 11.5 suicides per 100,000 people in 2007. In 2007, Alaska's rate was 21.8 suicides per 100,000 people. The rate of suicide among Alaska Native peoples was 35.1 per 100,000 people in 2007.

Alaska's unemployment rate is the highest in the country.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May was 6.7 percent, according to preliminary numbers from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. With the Proposed Plans B,C,&D you will essentially be killing a large source of winter revenue for Small businesses in Alaska. I typically spend ~200\$ a weekend riding snowmobiles in the Seward Ranger district. That money is spent at businesses like Cook's fuel station in Sterling, Trail Lake lodge in moose pass, Sunrise Cafe in Cooper Landing, Lower Peninsula Power sports in Homer, Ron's Honda in Soldotna. With these proposed plans you will essentially cost these small businesses a large sum of cash flow in the winter months when business is the hardest.

The average snowmobiler spends \$4,000 each year on snowmobiling

The Us snowmobiling industry is a 26 billion dollar a year industry

Snowmobilers in Canada and the United States spend over \$34 billion on snowmobiling each year. This includes expenditures on equipment, clothing, accessories, snowmobiling vacations, etc

(<http://www.snowmobile.org/docs/snowmobiling-fact-book-2013-2014.pdf>)

In Summary I am adamantly opposed to designating and Area as primitive in the revised forest plan and want to see more areas open to snowmobiles. These areas should be areas that are ACTUALLY accessible to us and not just Acres you can type on a flyer as open to riding.

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