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Comments: I am fully opposed to closing any land in the Chugach national forest to motorized user's or mountain biking. The primitive land designations in plan C & D are completely unacceptable to me and take away the rights of thousands of Alaskans to access these public lands.

Of the 4 proposed plans I most support plan A with a change in land designation for the Crescent lake area. See attachment, Crescent lake is a great place for novice riders and families to travel into the Chugach on snow machines, it is easily accessible. this land should be either designated as Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized (Winter Motorized Allowed) or preferably Semi-Primitive Motorized.

I would also like a Clear and decisive answer from the forest service on how ANILCA will be enforced for over snow travel with a snowmobile. I believe that the Closure orders that the FS issues during the 12/1 to 4/30 window for winterized snowmobile access are in violation of ANILCA.

I also believe that the every other year open closed designation for Resurrection pass violates the ANILCA law.

ANILCA allows the use of motorized transportation (snowmobiles, motorboats, and airplanes) for access to traditional activities. Nowhere in the law does it state that the FS can regulate my right to access these lands from a snowmobile but that is what the US forest service has done since the 2002 travel plan was initiated .

Does ANILCA supersede A FS closure order for traditional use snowmobiling?

e.g. The South fork of the Snow River last winter was closed until March even though the land management plan says it should open 12/1. ANILCA says I can traditionally access this land, will I get a ticket if I don't wait for the open order.

Does ANILCA supersede the current Land and Resource Management Plan.

e.g. My grandfather traditionally snow machined in resurrection pass every winter, if snow machining is a traditional use activity as defined by ANICLA how can you legally write me a ticket in an odd year closed season?

I would like to see the public comment period be extended 1 month due to the fact that it was not advertised very thoroughly. I have attended ~5 meetings on this since 2015 and followed it very closely and was not made aware of the comment period until a friend informed me 2 weeks ago.