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Comments: To whom it may concern:

Please DO NOT SHUTDOWN motorized use of our public lands. I was born and raised here for the past 31 years and have enjoyed and respected our already limited use of the outdoors here. The mountains near my house mean everything to me, I was raised in them. Shutting down these areas for so much activity will surely drive people out of our great state. Winters are hard up here sometimes after 30 years and sometimes all that gets us by is the freedom to explore the mountains on our snow machines. It's one of the greatest feelings in the world. It helps keep kids off drugs, being active instead of bored in the house for 6 months a year too. Show me how snowmachines are ruining the ecosystems or hurting salmon or bears or moose and maybe I could see the other point of view, but until then, I believe the proposal to shut everything down is made up by a bunch of out-of-state hippies who dedicate all their life to shutting down our planet for everyone else. Again, PLEASE KEEP IS OPEN!

- A lifelong Alaskan

Attachment: Letter from State of Alaska