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Comments: Hello,

My names Michael Choy and I was born and raised here in Anchorage, Alaska. Growing up around motor and actions sports I have been embedded with a love for them all.

I currently am not (YET) a consistent user of the CNF but I know many people ranging from Homer to Fairbanks that are. This possible deauthorization would considerably affect many people I know and love. I think there may be a slight misconception of what these riding areas mean to people. This is not just a riding, hiking, or boarding/Skiing area. This is a way of living for these people.

Strong relationships and friendships are solidified in these locations. From a father teaching his son to climb to the top of a mountain teaching him that the only limit in life is yourself, or to the brother teaching his little sister that after she falls that he will always be there to pick her up and have her back when she needs it.

Considering local business growth in Alaska, this is directly affecting. If closure were to be authorized, you would see a substantial decline in revenue within one year. This could be a ball and chain for small businesses.

Winters are long and dark, and somehow these people seem to extract the light out of it when using these areas. I vote NO on CNF closures.

Thank you

-Michael Choy