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Comments: Hello U.S. Forest Service

I have used the Chugach Mountains my whole life both motorized and non motorized. I believe alternative B is the most fair for all recreational users.

Tourism has its benefits across the board for all outdoor enthusiasts.

Local economy is supported by all groups

In the Chugach park lands there are already rules in place for responsible land use. (openings and closure, snow depth minimums etc.)

Recreational Snowmobile use should be allowed in most areas of the Forrest- even most non-motorized areas during winter. This is because snowmobiles have less impact than almost any other form of transportation including summer foot traffic. Snowmobile tracks are also used by moose and other wildlife to make walking through deep snow easier.

Specific Area Comments/Requests

Snow River- encourage opening this area to recreational use snowmobiles.

Placer River- Opening and closing dates for snowmobile use should be based on snow coverage, not arbitrary dates. This is especially true in spring when the area typically has sufficient snow coverage to allow the use of snowmobiles.

Turnagain Pass- Continued clearing of the "overflow" parking area is encouraged as this is a high use area.

Summit Creek area- West of Seward Highway- please open this area to the use of snowmobiles.

I also consider the use of motorized vehicles as traditional use and always should be considered traditional use on all state and federal lands in Alaska. This is due to the remoteness of park land area and motorized corridors should be an option to allow equal usage.

This will have been the second comment I have left due to my first comment being compromised, deleted and replaced by anti motorized letter from 2016.

Thanks for taking the time to read and all you do for park patrons.

Sincerely,

Todd E Tuomi

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