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Comments: Hello,

I am writing in support of maintaining motorized access in the Chugach National Forest, primarily for Winter/Snow motorized recreational use.

After reviewing the Plan revision maps, option B is preferred. However, after speaking with Forest representatives, it became apparent that we are not necessarily bound by the 4 plans presented, rather, they would like to hear the areas we are interested in keeping open and why. Therefore, after much thought, and discussions among the fellow Alaskans I normally share my outdoors adventures with, I'd like to suggest a "Modified Plan B" (See maps attached). This Plan makes some minor amendments to the current plan B to incorporate areas that my friends and I frequently ride, and as a result invest time and money into the surrounding communities.

These amendments are as follows and are also indicated on the "Modified Alternative B" Maps attached.

1) Please include a motorized corridor up the Twentymile river. I've been told this exists, but it's not shown on the maps.

2) We need a winter motorized corridor from Whittier to the ice fields as shown in option C.

3) Include Valdez/Cordova as motorized access in Plan B. Though this area is difficult to access, it could provide an economic boost allowing Heli-Ski ops to increase permitted areas.

As mentioned above, these amendments include the areas that my friends and I frequently ride on or have interest in for future plans. By allowing access to these areas, the surrounding economies benefit through the gas, groceries, hotels, tour guides, local dealership purchases, etc. that we make in their towns. Some of these satellite communities that have already benefited from us are Girdwood, Whittier, Moose Pass, Seward, and Valdez. In addition to the economic benefits, there is a greater safety aspect to allowing these areas to be open. By closing land, riders will have less options and be forced to crowd into the same areas. This crowding could lead to triggering more avalanches and having more people in the run-out zones.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment and voice my opinion on the CNF revision plan.

OJ