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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the upcoming Chugach Forest Plan Revision.

I moved to Alaska in August of 2014 thanks to Uncle Sam and I don't regret it one bit. I have fallen in love the the beautiful landscapes of this great state just like so many others before me. I believe that there comes a time in your life during your traveling and meanderings that you will find a place that you can whole heartedly call home even if it is four thousand miles form where you were born and raised. There are many things about this state that made me want to stay and continue my experiences and adventures here in Alaska. One of the many reasons I love this state so much is the fact that you have so much access into the beautiful backcountry. When there are mountains, valleys, and rivers that can be explored 45 min form your home, that is epic!

I started exploring this state as soon as I got up here and have met many great people here the I have be privileged to share awesome experiences with. This state has so many awesome heart pumping activities that you can partake in that make you feel alive. You can do anything form downhill mountain biking the rocky slopes and white water kayaking the freezing cold rivers in the summer to downhill skiing the steep slopes and carving thought the deep sonny valleys on your snowmachine in the winter. I have come to absolutely enjoy riding sleds in the Chugach Mountains here ever since I started in the winter of 2015 form Nellie Juan to Whittier to Valdez. The joy of being able to ride deep into the mountains with your friends and get away form all the hustle and bustle of the city life. It allows you to relax and really enjoy the beautiful landscapes we have and realize how lucky you are to have the freedom to live your life to the fullest! It is an absolute blast LIVING in this state! When it comes down to it, it is the people you meet and places you go that will forever hold a place in your heart.

Unfortunately, our areas are now under threat of being drastically reduced in size by a group of people who want to remove all access for motorized users form the National Forests. Its crazy what a large amount of money and a determined group of people can do. This land belongs to the people for the use by the people and now its under threat of being taken away. It seems like if we were to look back in our history books we would see what results when you remove the people from their lands. Both the people and the land suffer! We are meant to coexist with the land and do so respectfully. Im asking that you open your eyes and see that this generation depends on these lands not only for recreating and happiness but, for livelihood as well.

I understand that motorized users are looked at as being disrespectful at times not knowing what they are actually doing for the motorized community. I think that if we focused more on educating our fellow motorized users, helping them to realize the consequences of their actions that we all would better off vs. just trying to take away our access all together. There are many people and business that depend on the motorized community for their livelihood and thrive to help boost this economy that we already know is hurting. Taking away

land access will only hurt these businesses and in-turn the economy.

Please understand that we as human beings need to have access to our forests and woodland areas. if you take away our access just imagine how that will affect us as humans, as we are already disconnected from nature enough as it is. Besides do you think this generation or the next to come will care about these beautiful lands if they cant even access it?

I am a motorized user and I love living in this state for the fact that we have so much great access here into the backcountry. I have looked at the revision plans and disagree with options C and D as they further restrict motorized users and I'm in support option B as it seems the best choice for everyone not just motorized users.

Please consider all repercussions of the final plan before your decision.

Respectfully,

Adam Torres

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