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Comments: To the Supervisor and Staff:

I write to comment on the draft management plan. My comments are as follows:

1. I am 70 years old and have been hiking, skating, skiing and climbing in the Chugach National Forest for more than 40 years. I have been kayaking in Prince William Sound for a similar amount of time. Recently, I have started fat tire biking in the CNF in the winter and summer. My use of the forest has been frequent all those years, and I get out into the PWS kayaking, and camping on the beaches about once a year. The kayaking trips tend to be multiple day camping trips. I am speaking of the Seward and Glacier districts, and not the Cordova district.

2. I treasure muscle powered sports. When skiing, I skin up on my own power, or Nordic ski. I used to resort ski at Alyeska, but I haven't been to a resort in six years.

3. Snow machines wreck slopes by putting the equivalent of trenches into slopes. I appreciate immensely the fact that a few thousand acres are closed to snow machines at Turnagain and Summit Passes. There should be more areas closed.

4. The closure of the Resurrection Pass Trail in alternating years is not working. Snow machiners masquerading as subsistence trappers are using the trail, in the years it is supposed to be skiers only. I say masquerading because they highmark, etc. etc. The idea that they are subsistence trappers is a joke.

5. Trapping on and near trails such as the Resurrection Pass trail should be prohibited. People like me used to take our dogs, but no more. It used to be that we could assume no trapper would ski very far from the road. Now, with the new equipment, trappers have no trouble reaching places far up the trails.

6. Jet skis should not be permitted in places such as Blackstone Bay. The problem is not severe yet, but it is only a matter of time before Passage Canal, Blackstone Bay and other close waters resemble Big Lake on a busy summer weekend.

7. No roads should be built in CNF.

8. I support new trails; but not big, wide ones which make it possible for ATV's and snow machines to gain access to the tundra above.

9. I support a back country hut system, and the Alaska Huts Association. I use the Manitoba Hut about twice a year. It's great. There could and should be more like it.

10. Thank you for the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center. I go to the website frequently and have donated to the non-profit that participates. I urge you to continue providing this service.

11. I have helicoptered in to the upper Lake George Glacier recently, and climbed a peak above the glacier. It was a once in a lifetime experience. I have mixed feelings about motorized access, of any kind, and hope that you will close off more territory. I was pleased to learn that some areas of the CNF are closed, for instance the Harriman Glacier and areas adjoining the wilderness study area. I may never get to ski and climb above Harriman fiord, but if I do the experience will be much more unique and special, if have to get there on my own

power.

12. We need to keep the back country unique and special. Places like the Harriman Glacier, and the upper Lake George Glacier, and the peaks in that area, are unique and special. I urge you to keep that in mind. Please don't ruin them by allowing motorized access.

13. To accommodate increasing pressure, I support authorizing the expansion of Alyeska Resort, and the designation of a few, not many, places for helicopter skiing. The people who want that kind of motorized recreation need to be accommodated, but managed. Multiple use is a good idea, but the uses need to be separated from one another.

Very truly yours,

Kneeland Taylor