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Comments: Hello, and thank you for taking my comments. I am a resident of Alaska for 38 years & amp; have been riding in the back countries of Alaska my whole life via hiking or sledding (snowmobile). The incredible riding I access via sled is unparallel to hiking. With proper protocols and Sasfty equipment I feel we utilize the backcountry accesses responsibly. I've been a part of a wounded warriors project that brings up PTSD soldiers into the backcountry via sled and I've seen firsthand the healing properties of the backcountry, by limiting more of the backcountry access to sleds I feel would be limiting the healing properties of the backcountry. I hope my word will help keep areas open and possible open up others. Thank you again for your time and god bless. Regards

James Stevens