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Comments: I would like to offer my position that motorized access to the Chugach areas not be further restricted. Most areas within the Chugach are only accessible in the winter through the use of snowmobiles, and I have seen no evidence of damage to the ecosystem through their use. I continue to be an advocate of responsible use of these machines, respect to other users, and know that everyone else I ride with does the same. To restrict or eliminate this form of access is to essentially lock up these lands from access by citizens of this state. There is simply no other way to get into these areas, in a timely fashion, without dedicating days or weeks to snowshoeing or hiking back in. This is simply not feasible or practical for the majority of Alaskans. To eliminate motorized access would do nothing to protect the Chugach, as there is no additional protection needed, in my opinion.

Sincerely,

Brian Harten