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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As an Alaskan resident, it is my right to be able to enjoy the land I choose to live in a responsible manner. My pass times include many Motorsport activities, primarily snowmachining during the winter. As an average Alaskan snowmachiner, I contribute single handedly 10's of thousands of dollars each winter towards fuel consumption, small business usage, food/amenities--all of which funnels back into the Alaskan economy, making it what it is today. Multiply this rough figure by the thousands of snowmachiners who take advantage of the Chugach open riding areas and you have a significant piece of economic value.

As the closest place for snowmachine use, the minimal amount of Chugach range that is open to motorized use is highly valued. It is only fair to us law abiding citizens to be able to continue and enjoy in our passion just as the skiers and hikers can enjoy theirs in the multitude of areas available to them. We are simply asking to keep our areas open, to allow us the freedom to ride and experience what the beautiful Chugach range has to offer within our bounds.

Snowmachines have very little environmental impact towards the environment in the grand scheme of things. Once the snow melts, 99% of there is absolutely zero destruction of local foliage. If people do not like the sound of snowmachines, they can simply go to a place in the Chugach where we aren't allowed--which is well over 90% of the encompassing zone.

There is no reason to take away more open motorized zones in the Chugach aside from selfishness.

Thank you,

Jake Allen