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Comments: My name is Richard Derkevorkian, I am a second generation Alaskan and my grandfather moved to Soldotna Alaska in the 1950's. He opened Derks Ski Doo in Soldotna in 1960 and has been riding snowmobiles all over the Kenai Peninsula since then. I been told story's of him going up the snow river into Nellie Juan in the early 60 ' s, into Resurrection and Lost Lake all through the 60's and 70's before the feds stole the state lands and decided it was there's to manage how they want which is actually against Alaska constitution. I have been riding the Chugach for 25 years and want to continue. There is too much land closed to snow machining already and to close more would be a terrible tragedy. Look at the acres of land a snowmobile can actually ride that you have open and we are very limited. I believe non motorized and motorized user's can ride the same areas and for one group to say they want it closed to another is selfish.