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Comments: As a Native Alaskan I strongly disagree with further restrictions for recreational motorized vehicles in the Chugach national forest. Snowmachining brings so much love and joy into my life and it radiates through those around myself. The love of the sport, the people, the lifestyle, and most importantly the wilderness is what I live for. The Chugach is a magical place, it keeps my head on solid shoulders. As an avid back country hiker/snowmachiner, as a member of this community and society, citizen of Alaska born and raised, I say nay. Nay to further biased restrictions. Nay to pushing out one half of backcountry enthusiasts for the gain of the other. I believe in snow depth regulation. I do not agree with removing snowmachine access anywhere. There will always be those for and against, but we can't choose who is aloud the enjoy the turnagain pass area based on what the use to enjoy it. I remember hiking tin-can peak on a bluebird Saturday with one or two cars in the same pull out. Times are changing that isn't the question. Prohibition of snow machines will only turn one side of the community against the other, we need to truly look at what is at risk, we deserve to share this mountain range and keep Alaska what it always has been. Ours.