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Comments: I am writing this to express my opinion specifically about grooming cross country ski trails in the front country of the Chugach. In years when there is little to no snow on established cross country trails in towns, I think this is an excellent way to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for people. Turnagain Pass already has some fairly large parking lots and is used I believe extensively by snowmachiners and backcountry skiiers. I also remember skiing in Powerline Pass a few years when the snow conditions were low in Anchorage.

I support the ski clubs being allowed to groom trails during low snow years in front range locations such as these. However, when there is plenty of snow at sea level in Anchorage and other ski communities, I think that grooming should be done on the already established trails, and not on front range land.