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Comments: Being born and raised in the Anchorage area. Riding snowmobiles was part of being Alaskan and I started on a 120 when I was five. Once I was old enough to get on something bigger I would go with my brother and dad to the sqwetna river and ride. Once I got a long track we would ride turnagain and lost lake and the terrain of the Chugach opened my riding to a new level. After this I started racing. Being able to see all of this landscape gave me a huge respect for Alaska and made me want to preserve its land for as long as possible. And with the closers for lack of snow we have been able to prevent destruction of the land. Use of snowmobiles in this area is so important because it is the nearest and most technical riding to Anchorage and Sewerd. Not only has it produced Amazing athletes to bring Alaskas name to the rest of the world as snowmobilers but also has opened the skiing world by allowing hundreds of runs in a day when carried up by snowmobiles instead of ten or 11 when hiking