

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 2/18/2016 5:33:06 PM

First name: Jeff

Last name: Hoke

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I use the Chugach Forest as a backcountry skier, snowmachiner, and a heli ski guide. Please consider the changing access ability of snowmachines with the newer technology sleds that are on the market. Snowmachine technology is allowing sleds to access and climb terrain in the mountains that was previously out of reach. Due to reach and power of the newer sleds a group of snowmachines can track up a large area of ski terrain in a short period of time. I also have safety concerns of snowmachiners operating around skiers who may lack mountain safety protocol. Please consider differentiating motorized terrain between snowmachines and heli skiing, specifically pertaining to Center and Divide creeks. This area is one often used for production heli skiing and provides an excellent venue without the impact of snowmachines.