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Comments: I am writing this in regard to the revision of the Chugach National Forest Management Plan. I am requesting a provision with specific language for special motorized access in non-motorized areas for the sole purpose of cross-country ski trail grooming in designated areas. While the spirit of cross-country skiing is unquestionably non-motorized, without the support of motorized grooming, skiers are significantly limited within the CNF. The access shall be defined, limited, and minimal with the direct goal of allowing more users the opportunity to recreate.

Recently a joint effort between the CNF and Girdwood Nordic Ski Club groomed a small but beautiful 3K loop in Turnagain Pass. Ski Club members as well as skiers from Anchorage and beyond have flocked to the pass, enjoying the loop every day since, increasing visitation and providing access to a user group otherwise shut-out of the CNF.

Specific language in the revised forest plan will:

- 1) prevent feelings of violation of the non-motorized spirit
- 2) provide framework of guidance in policy forming
- 3) promote a new user group to access, experience, and reason to support public lands

Please consider adding a provision for cross-country ski trail grooming in the revised CNF management plan.

Thank you,

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