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Comments: My name is Richard Derkevorkian,

I am a second generation Alaskan that was born in Soldotna. I have been riding Snowmachines in Chugach National Forest for 25 years. As a life long Kenai Peninsula resident I have watched the US Forest service limit our Motorized access more and more every year since the 2002 Forest plan was initiated. The Forest service initiated a plan in 2002 that was extremely prejudice against the motorized user group and then amended it in 2007 to further limit the areas we are allowed to recreate in. In 2017 i watched as the Seward ranger district allowed heli skiing into Lost lake Beginning in November and then didn't open it to snowmobiles until January 2018. The Seward ranger district has pushed back the opener of Lost lake every year since 2012 even when there has been adequate snow conditions to prevent resource damage.

I am 100% apposed to closing even one more acre to winter motorized users. the current forest plan and your proposed plan A,B,C, And D are all extremely favorable to non motorized user groups. I urge you to reconsider all of these plans in favor of a more generous winter motorized recreation plan.

Thank you,

Richard Derkevorkian