

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/23/2018 5:59:12 AM

First name: Jacob

Last name: Hemstock

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Out of the 4 proposed options I am in favor with option B the most, but I don't feel that one option truly encompasses all of the best options. As someone who recreates for the majority of the year in the Chugach I would hate to see areas I have been using become closed to winter motorized or summer motorized use.

During the warmer months I travel all over the Chugach and surrounding areas hiking and in pursuit of native trout. Having spent the majority of my life growing up or recreating in Alaska, it is rather special to me.

During the winter months when ample snow is prevalent I ride snowmobiles when possible; most of my favorite places to ride and the places in which I learned to ride all fall in the current management plan options. When it is available during the winter the Forest Service saddle cabin at Crescent Lake is one of the camping spots my friends and I have been renting during the winters for many years. I also ride much of Johnson Pass for both recreational snowmobiling and winter ice fishing. Turnagain, South Fork, Whittier are also areas I have enjoyed riding and hope to be able to continue riding.

In addition to the winter recreation my family and I also enjoy the opportunities to explore the Chugach via small aircraft; loss of motorized access would put a very large damper on many of our favorite hunting and camping places.