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Comments: I'm writing to express my interest in maintaining access to all current recreation zones within the Chugach. I enjoy access to the Chugach on a year round basis. I hike and bike all the trails between Anchorage, Seward and Cooper Landing in the summer and fall time. Access to the national forest is one of the main reasons I am a resident of Girdwood and Alaska in general. I can live anywhere in the country and choose to live and recreate in the Chugach.

However my winter access seems to be under attack by these revisions. In the late fall and early winter, my friends and I access the Chugach by touring in the Crow Pass, Turnagain Pass, and Summit Pass recreation zones. Once the well managed National Forest opens the snowmobile zones, that is my favorite way to access the Chugach. This is the real reason I am an annual resident of Alaska. My most frequented riding zones are Lost Lake, Johnson Pass, Seattle Creek, and Skookum. The economic value of these riding areas is seen in my hometown of Girdwood. Many local residents, as wells as people traveling through Girdwood enjoy motorized and non motorized access to the Chugach and stop in on their way by to purchase fuel and food.

Please reconsider the revisions in your management plan that would limit the motorized access to the Chugach. If anything I would like to see an increase winter and summer motorized access.