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Comments: Hello! I moved to Alaska five years ago with my soon to be husband who is a life long Alaskan. Since moving here he has introduced me to the world of snow machines and sled skiing, and it has become a huge passion and massive part of my life. We snow machine EVERY single weekend from the time the snow flies til the spring. The chugach has been my learning ground, it has been where we have made memories with our friends and family and where we treasure every single trail and mile we are allowed to play in. We have a strict zero trash policy, and there is never a trace we have been in there. We are absolutely respectful of the lands as are so many of our friends who ride the chugach. These lands have been free to the people since the beginning of time, and not only are they being stripped away, our rights to them are being violated. Threatening the use of these lands means taking away our children's ability to make the memories and see the views we have seen on our sled trips. I have learned more snow machining in the chugach than I have my entire life through two college degrees and moves all around the world. Taking these lands away is taking away people's ability to be free in their own state, and that is EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES! Alaska has built itself and it's culture on being wild. Once we close down the chugach the next area closes then the next. This will set a precedent to close many others. My fiancé grew up riding snow machines to school, to hunt with his parents, to get wood for his family. And I would like to teach my children the same. It is a way of life, not just a fun time. Please do not close this area off to the people who are so passionate about its use and treasure it more than ANY community members in Alaska!!!