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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I use the Chugach National Forrest almost on a monthly basis. In the summer time I spend some of my off time hiking and enjoying the trails specifically in Resurrection Pass, taking the Glacier Discovery train and hiking to Spencer Glacier, enjoying the scenic Trail River Camp Ground, and enjoying the views from Whittier.

In the winter time I use the Chugach National Forrest even more. I snowmachine at Lost Lake, Resurrection Pass, Whittier, Placer, Turnagain, Crescent Lake, Spencer Glacier, and Squirrel Flats to name a few. There are other places I my husband and I go to snowmachine but their names are escaping me at this time. Keeping these places open and possibly opening more areas is extremely important to me and my family. I just bought my 3 year old daughter her own snowmachine so that she can learn how to ride safely, courteously, and enjoy the Chugach National Forrest that is so close to our home. Keeping my family active in the outdoors and being able to access the Chugach National Forrest in motorized areas helps us get out even more and enjoy the wilderness. I would also like to take a minute to point out that currently you have resurrection pass trail closed every other year to motorized use in the winter. I'd like to see that changed to open every winter. Without motorized use in the winter there is no efficient way to a trail in for other users. For example the dog mushing teams have a harder time use the trail, the winter bikers can't even use it unless there is a trail put in for them. Cross country skier's and people that use snowshoes have no set up trail to use.

I have personally talked with some dog mushers and they have said for most of the winter when Resurrection Pass trail is closed to motorized use they can barely use that trail because there is no trail put in by snowmachines.

Keeping the current places open to motorized use and adding more (for example Center Creek and Mills Creek) only benefits other user groups to access the National Forrest however they choose.

I strongly oppose losing any motorize use anywhere within the Chugach National Forrest.

Having specific corridors for motorized users are important to access the rest of the forest that is open to motorized use. For example 20 mile and South Fork of Snow River are a great management tool. I would like to see more of these added.

Something I would like to see addressed in the new management plan is the access to Lost Lake. Typically there is enough snow at Lost Lake to open that area but the trail is miserable and rarely does it see enough snow on it to get the trail open. Can we put in a new trail? Can we cut some trees to allow for more snow to fall on the trail itself...

I don't think the Forrest plan needs to add any additional acres beyond what has already been designated.

Please keep our motorized access open so that ALL users may benefit. People all recreate in different ways and the Federal Government should not excluded one use group for the sake of another. WE can all find ways to recreate together and each have our own private experience in the Chugach National Forrest.