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Comments: First off, thank you for your efforts and willingness to include all user groups in the Chugach Forest Service Revision Plan.

I have been riding snowmobiles in the Chugach National Forest ever since I was a little kid. This has been a big part of my childhood and continues to be a big part of how me and my family spend my time recreationally. I'm hoping that not only the same current snowmobile riding areas are left open but that we can work towards opening more land, I recreate mostly on snowmobiles, but I also bicycle and go hiking in the summer months so the chugach Forest and access to it is a major reason why I live here. Most of my free time is spent in the chugach in one form or another.

In 2002 there were only 35000 snowmobiles registered in Alaska and as of 2017 there was 65000. The whole point of snowmobiling is to get out and explore and with only a handful of places open to snowmobiling and with how congested it is it hard to explore as much. I believe places like Johnson pass skier side and more areas on the summit lake side of the highway should be open to snowmobiling to spread out the population and to explore more areas of the Chugach.

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!!! Thank you