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Comments: I have been skiing, snowmobiling and sailing in the CNF for 30 years. The loss of riding areas (snow machining) in '02 has put more pressure on the few areas legal to ride. I often take people who experience physical disabilities into the backcountry with snowmobiles. Skookum glacier in April only has enough snow to ride once every 5 years. It is the only accessible big mountain area where physically challenged riders can easily get deep into the mountains (very big ones). Not too many folks who are disadvantaged physically can climb up and over mtns on a sled. It is not necessary at skookum.

I also ride sleds above Whittier. (30 years). I went to a CNF meeting and the employee showed me where the "traditional motorized corridors" are. I told him that they are NOT the traditional routes. I first rode there with don Wick and Don Conrad (rip). They have been riding these zones for over 50 years. Hunting and traditional travel by sled Don Wick's son who grew up in Girdwood is a recent above the knee amputee. I plan on showing him the zones his father showed me (Whittier to the Sargent ice field), Skookum, Bench peak (that ones closed now). I wish I could show him Bench. I should have a bunch of old photos of our routes if anyone's interested

Closing more areas will put too much pressure on the few areas we can legally ride. Sleds are getting quieter and cleaner burning every year. If there is enough snow coverage, more areas should be open to ride.

I have a fully adaptive sled deck (hydraulic) on my truck. If you see me, please say hello