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Comments: My name is Chad Helwig.

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

I currently live in Anchorage, and have been living in Alaska for 34 years. I have enjoyed riding snowmachines in the Chugach for 28 years. My very first trip on my own machine was at about 6 yo. on a Yamaha sno scoot. I typically go 2 times a year. As a motorized user, I oppose losing any right to motorized access of these public lands. A large majority of the Chugach is already restricted to non-motorized use, and what's left shall remain intact, if not expanded, for future generations. The snowmachine community brings income into the areas we ride, everything from lodges, restaurants, gas stations and stores along the way. By closing any more areas like this local economies suffer as well. If anything would like to see more areas made available to keep from condensing large groups to a very small portion of alaska.

The areas I access the forest are: Turnagain, Placer valley.

The rights of motorized user groups have diminished since 2002 when The National Forest Service initiated the Forest Land Management Plan and it must stop.

Please consider leaving the current access in place and work toward opening more areas for future generations.

Thank you,  
Chad