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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 live in Fairbank, and was born in Alaska and lived here for 45 years. I have enjoyed riding snowmachines in the Chugach off and on for 15 years, and I try and get down to ride the Chugach with friends once or twice or more a winter if snow cover allows. As a motorized user, I am strongly opposed to losing any more acres of snowmachine terrain on the Kenai Peninsula. Therefore Alternatives C and D are unacceptable. An increase in backcountry recreation, quieter, more fuel efficient snowmobiles and inconsistent snow at lower elevations are all reasons we need to maintain what riding areas we have today and for future generations.

The areas I access the forest are: Turnagain, Summit Lake, Lost Lake and would like to be able to ride 20 Mile or South Fork of Snow River.

As it pertains to safety and rescue, our trails serve as emergency access routes for first responders to any motorized or non-motorized incident.

I would also like to see roads/ trails around lost lake and places like that, so that on the years with low to no snow below 700' we could get up to a point where people could ride and not harm the vegetation. They have them in places like Colorado and Montana and Washington.

One of the other things I think that need to be taken in to consideration is the economics that we as a motor sport community bring to the towns in the areas. Hotels, food, and fuel which has to help the economy.

I don't think it appropriate to recommend additional acres (beyond the 1.4M acres recommended in 2002) suitable for Wilderness designation in this Forest plan. Any further acres designated as "Wilderness" will limit winter recreation opportunities and displace motorized users.

Regards Jack.