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Comments: As our world and technology evolves, the decisions as stewards of the forest become harder and harder. I have a somewhat rare perspective because I am a multi use Alaskan. I am a skier and a snowmachiner, a leg burning hiking, and a two stroke motorhead who has been able to glen perspective from both cultures. You have no easy decision ahead of you and there are many sides to take into consideration. A few bad apples on either end of the spectrum can leave a bad taste in your mouth. That taste has always proven me wrong as each and every time I find a wonderful person and connection that completely negates those bad tasting apples. We as a collective user groups need to find common sense solutions to our shared participation in our beautiful forest. I am sorry that you are put into this situation where your the decision makers of culture that should be dealt by the people. I am ashamed to see and hear bad mouthing between the two groups: motorized and non-motorized. I am often stuck in the middle with nothing to say and it saddens me that people cannot find common ground and trust in each other. I have had to pick and choose through many a group so I could feel like myself and always stand strong between the two groups.

All I have to say is that I have seen harmony and respect between the two. It's not easy to find but the cooperation and understanding is out there and there are working examples. Rules and enforcement may be your only option and I understand that, but please take the time to think about creating policy that can grow our communities together. It's not gonna be easy and people will need to step up and build bridges with relationships to keep a harmony. I will fight to create understanding and respect on both ends during these times of evolution.

Please don't take the chance for bridges to be built away from us.

Alaskans are stubborn. I wish you the utmost patience and perspective. I will strive to keep mine strong and continue to build the necessary bridges so we can all see eye to eye.

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