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Comments: Alaska is rich in wild lands, and wilderness is an important designation. However, lands that are accessible via the limited road system are a very important resource for Alaskans to use in a variety of ways, including winter motorized. Minimum snow coverage requirements exist to mitigate damage to resources so that winter use can continue to benefit citizens, economies, and the environment through stewardship.

Option B is an acceptable option as it maintains winter motorized access for the communities of Whittier and others in Prince William Sound who have limited recreation opportunities in winter.

As a employee of the state in Alaska I work daily to benefit our communities. I chose to relocate to this state because there is nothing like the experience of traveling dozens of miles into these amazing mountains in the winter on a snowmachine. Over the years I have contributed to the avalanche education community and taught winter sports and skills to users of both motorized and non motorized methods. I am worried that changes to the forest plan will be made based on sensationalised comments that divide Alaskans from afar. Please keep areas open to winter motorized access for the thankful Alaskans who have been serving as stewards of the Forest and other wild lands for decades.