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Comments: First I would like to Express that I am against limiting or closing land that any Alaskans choose to recreate. Specifically snowmachine use. I have grown up riding snowmachines in the mountains and would like my children to have the same freedom. I cannot think of a single good reason. There is no damage or trace to the ground come spring or any harm being done to the trails. I see this as more of a battle between motorized users vs non motorized users. I hunt, fish, hike, ski, backback in these areas and have never observed damage to the country side because of snowmachines. Snowmachine groups actually keep the trail system groomed and packed so other non motorized users have easier access via skis and snowshoes. I believe all users have the right to access lands for recreation not just one group or the other. I ask that you do not limit riding areas for motorized users.