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Comments: Hello -

My family and I regularly use the Chugach National Forest (CNF) for recreational purposes including: biking, hiking, hunting, skiing, and fishing. Particularly in the areas around Whittier, Hope, Summit Lake, and Girdwood. It is an extremely valuable resource to us and one that we want to see preserved for future generations.

It is my opinion that current management of the CNF is excellent and allows the area to be enjoyed by many both motorized and non-motorized users alike; all while adequately preserving this resource. As such I am in favor of Alternative B, which appears to most similar to the current area classifications. It is important that we maintain vested users and stakeholders in the CNF as these people are most likely to work to protect this resource against future development and reclassification. By restricting recreational uses throughout CNF we risk losing users and the protection that their interest provide.

Additionally by restricting users to the area the National Forest Service could lose out on funding generated by individuals utilizing resources such as the public recreational cabins, which is vital to their maintenance.