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Comments: I strongly appose restricting snowmachine use in the Chugach National Forest. As a backcountry skier, snowmachiner, and avalanche instructor, further restrictions will increase the tensions between these two groups. This will make it even more difficult to bring these two groups together on common issues such as avalanche safety. Further, motorized trails provide emergency access routes for both motorized and non motorized emergencies. I do not think it is 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.