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Comments: I am a lifelong Alaskan and active participant in winter outdoor recreation and I spend most of my time in the winter on the Kenai Peninsula playing in the snow. I use both sides of the road, motorized and non-motorized, and I use both areas in the summer for hiking and camping. If you go to the motorized side in the summer and hike around, it's quite difficult to find any sign of the snowmachines that inhabit the area during the cold season. That leads me to reasonably believe that we aren't having a devastating or even hardly noticeable impact on the land. One thing that would start to cause damage is if the current motorized area size is decreased, or if any area in CNF is closed to motorized use, it will condense traffic in the areas that are still open. With snowfall at lower elevations being scarce the past few years those riding areas cannot handle an influx of riders. If the areas are kept open or if more area becomes available, the snowmachines will stay dispersed enough to keep the mountains and the forest happy.