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Comments: I am a resident of southcentral Alaska and I frequently recreate in the Chugach National Forest. As a business professional most of my time spent in the mountains is on the weekends. In the winter, I spend 2-3 full weekends each month snowmachining all day and sleeping in my truck camper at night. In Turnagain Pass I spend time on both the motorized and non-motorized side of the road. Throughout the rest of the Kenai Peninsula I enjoy being able to explore new areas on my snowmachine with friends and make new friends that strengthen the social bonds we enjoy in the close-knit community of Alaska.

Recreational opportunities like this are why I moved to Alaska in 2009 and why I have put down roots and bought property here. This is why I am in support of Plan B. Public land use needs to be managed in a way that allows people to be able to actually use it. I have met people in the mountains who have become not only close friends but business colleagues as well helping to grow the Alaska economy which is good for all. Restricting snowmachine access inhibits these opportunities and weakens social ties.