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Comments: My name is Scott Rideout and I own a powersports based business here in Alaska and as one could guess, I am also an avid snowmobiler. I've ridden Turnagain Pass, Lost Lake and a few other areas of the Chugach National Forest somewhat frequently over the past 10 years. I've spent THOUSANDS on lodging, equipment, fuel, food, and everything else that goes along with the sport(its an expensive hobby) to be able to ride the aforementioned areas.

Restricting these areas will have a huge economic impact on many business's, including my own. It will have a huge impact on the families, clubs and riding groups involved who have just as much right to access these areas as the non-motorized groups. The negatives of Alternative C and D far outweigh the positives.

Snowmobiles have become much more efficient as technology advances and leave little to no footprint in the areas we recreate in. Its simply ridiculous to even consider closing off motorized access to these beautiful areas. Its NECESSARY for rescue crews to use motorized vehicles on the trails that WE CREATE to be able to perform rescues in a timely manner. This is Alaska, we need all of the accessibility we can get.