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Comments: I'm a born and raised Alaskan from a small village, Tanana, on the Yukon River. Every winter I've used all possible means of transportation, especially motorized, to be able to get out and enjoy what the backcountry of Alaska has to offer. Now that I live in the city, my options of areas to get out and explore are greatly limited due to cities and private land. The Chugach National Forest represents a huge portion of the areas I have available to be able to enjoy on a motorized vehicle in the winter. I strongly oppose any changes that would take this away. Being a true Alaskan is about living what Alaska backcountry and wilderness has to offer. As long as we can do that in a way that respects the land, there should be no reason to change that. There are a lot of people in Alaska that use this land (CNF) and respect it as it is a way of life for them. Sure there are always some rules breakers, but I have also noticed with the rise of social media, that these rules breakers are not getting away with it as much as they used to.

I strongly approve any change that would either leave motorized use as it is, or even better, open new areas to motorized use. Motorized and non-motorized users can co-exist in the same lands given that each side follows the rules and respects the land. Thank you for your time!