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Comments: To whom it may concern.

I am writing to oppose any reduction of motorized access to the Chugach National Forrest. I have ridden snowmachines at Turnigan Pass and hope to explore many other areas that are currently open to motorized access.

Closiing any areas to motorized access will result in a negative economic impact to many business in Alaska. The dealers who sell and repair the machines, the companies who sell fuel for both the snowmachines and the automobiles used to transport them and the stores and restaurants that sell food and drinks that we stop to buy both before and after our ride will all see a loss of business if access is reduced.

I strongly oppose the loss of any areas that are currently open to motorized access. Of the possible options I support Plan B with modification to allow increased motorized access. I suggest a series of trail corridors be developed to funnel the motorized users farther away from the road system. These corridors would allow the motorized users to do the majority of their recreating in areas that non-motorized users can not typically access. The access corridors would also be available to provide access for first responders during inclement weather.

The snowmachines being built today are dramatically different then those produced just a few years ago. The newer ones are lighter, quieter, more efficient and cause less impact to the environment.

In summary, I STRONGLY oppose any increase in wilderness designation of any areas of the Chugach National Forrest. I also oppose ANY reduction in the area that allow motorized access and suggest the amount of motorized access be increased. Motorized access of the Chugach National Forrest is the way I traditionally access the Forrest and it is my preferred method of access. Please don't limit my options to enjoy the Forrest by limiting motorized access.

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