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Comments: I've been riding in Alaska for 25 years as an adult and many more adding my childhood, I've raised 3 sons in this environment and taught them to ride and the environment friendly skills that I was taught growing up. Many other enthusiastic sports in our state, such as hiking, mountain biking ect, have a much worse footprint on the environment than snowmachining, Which has a dramatic impact on erosion and plant disruption as this practice happens during the same season that the plants are also thriving.

Unlike winter motor sports, where the plants and trees are mostly dormant and or covered with a snow base as a protective barrier against any abuse of the motor vehicle. It's a gross misunderstanding to me as to how anyone living inside or outside of Alaska can have an opinion on how we motor enthusiasts choose to spend our free time in a state we were either born and raised in, raised in, or raised our children in! As a matter of fact, visit the snowmachining trails in the summer and one can hardly tell what happens during the winter, visit hiking trails, fishing trails bike trails and the like either summer or winter, and the results are much different, the latter much more abused!

In closing I'd like to say, much like voting, we all have an opinion or a say, but keep in mind, this is our earth, and it belongs to us all, which means we should all have a portion of it that we can all use the way we see fit.