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Comments: I have lived in Alaska for 6 years, but have been an avid user of National Forests for my whole life. I grew up with an appreciation for public access to pristine areas for a multitude of activities. I was raised to believe that public forest access is for all user groups, as designated by the will of the public and the Forest Service (based on ecological, recreational, and economic considerations).

Since moving to Alaska, I have been fortunate to recreate primarily in the Chugach National Forest in a variety of ways, including motorized and non motorized activities. I enjoy wilderness areas that are restricted to 'primitive use' only, but I also enjoy utilizing motorized equipment to access some amazing areas that were previously inaccessible to most due to the difficulty of getting there via primitive means. As a back country skier and more recent sled skier, I believe that all user groups should and can be accommodated while taking necessary environmental protections into consideration. Alternates C and D minimize recreation areas for many users, particularly the winter motorized crowd. This is unacceptable and alienates a specific user group that should have equal rights to recreate on public land. A balance is necessary for the good of the land and the people. PLEASE keep our public lands accessible for all users by selecting Alternate A or B. Alaska is a stunning and amazing place to explore and should be available for everyone. Thank you.