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Comments: To whom it concerns,

I would like you encourage you to choose a forest plan that allows the maximum amount of motorized use in the National forest. In my opinion this is plan B. Below are my reasons for this request:

1 - The current plan is working, and working well. Each user group as the ability to recreate in the forest and use it how they see fit. People who wish to not be bothered by the motorized user group have a multitude of opportunities to use the forest without being bothered. Other who wish to snowmachine in the forest are only allowed to do so when there is adequate snow coverage to protect vegetation, and that is awesome! The current plan is a win-win.

2 - Access. The forest we are talking about is HUGE. You simply can not access most parts of it without some motorized use. There are many forest service cabins in the forest, that if motorized use was banned, would be for the most part inaccessible in the winter. They are simply too far from the road system for the average person to access safely in Alaska's cold winters.

3 - Economics. The snowmachine industry creates a plethora of much needed economic stimulus to the local towns in the winter who cater to snowmachiners. Banning motorized use in the Chugach will for the most part eliminate the opportunity for residents from Seward, Whittier, Homer, Soldotna, and Kenai to ride at all, since the Chugach makes up the vast majority of their riding areas.

Thank you for taking these points into consideration.

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