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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Hello my name is Dylan LaFramboise. As a life long Alaskan, since the age of 2, I have spent my winters growing up on snowmobiles. At the age of 26 now, I want to extend to you a letter saying why we can not get rid of our Chugach Forest snowmachine riding opportunities.

In Alaska our winters are cut to limited hours of daylight and cold temperatures. No one in their right minds would want to go out and enjoy that. Well, there and exception to that statement, Alaskans. I ask you to please be on our side and vote to keep the Chugach area open for recreational use for not only us snowmachine riders but, bicyclists, hikers, and skiers or snowboarders.

Primarily as winter enthusiasts I think we can all agree on one thing. In our most popular riding areas there is generally one trail in, one trail out. This meaning there is minimal to no effect on natural environments. We are riding on top of the required 30" of snowfall. Yes every bunch has its bad apple that breaks the law and rides when zones are closed or litters on the the trail but I can tell you personally I have never passed a soda can, water bottle, or tow strap and not picked it up.

We all pay recreational motor vehicle registration to the DMV and help support our states economy. From proper protection gear to gasoline we spend lots of money and keep the circle going but we all do it for the thrill and adventure . Buying such items as recreational vehicles, new skis, boots, or any other equipment we use helps support local businesses and supplies jobs for people. If the forest recreational use gets shut down we will see a decline in all those revenues let alone our overall state well being.

As a concerned citizen I'm asking kindly for your help to support our right in being able to use and enjoy the great Chugach National Forest. Being out in the wilderness enjoying it by boat, plane, snowmachine, or just plain hiking boots is a way of life for us Alaskans and I'd hate to see that change. I hope you read this letter and can understand why this area is so important to us.

Sincerely,
Dylan LaFramboise