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Comments: Hello, My names is James Wicken, I'm a lifelong Alaskan and Fairbanks local, I've always had fond memories when growing up enjoying Alyeska, mountain biking and watching videos of my brother recreating in the chugach. I have yet to ride a snowmachine in the iconic and beautiful backcountry that is CNF but it's always been a dream of mine to do so, and with this recent possible revision I don't think that will come to fruition, therefore I'm strongly against losing any acres of terrain for recreation and Alternatives C and D are not acceptable, in fact there should be more land added for recreation (such as mills creek and center creek) and due to new tech provides modern snowmachines with quieter exhaust systems and cleaner more fuel efficient powertrains that make 120 mile round trips easily attainable, with growing climate issues it's dwindling many zones in itself (lost lake closed without snow cover of 500') and with that being said it would add more room for activities for everyone, skiers, snowboarders and snowmachiners alike! Not only will alternatives C and D affect local economies and jeopardize jobs within the recreational business it will take a toll on many folks mental health and wellbeing, getting into the backcountry gives some an escape from personal issues and our harsh and dark winters, these places have a huge role in hobbies, traditions and culture for many Alaskans and with these changes we could see the end of that for the foreseeable future. Now Alternative B is definitely the option that best suites most Alaskans that want to continue using the land they have been recreating in for years and what I have listed backs up my reasoning of why this alternative is the best choice. I hope all of us could work together to expand the backcountry and keep our land clean of litter and open to share with everyone for many generations. Thanks for your consideration! - James