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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am a life long Alaskan that frequents Alaska's backcountry. I believe that everyone has a right to experience what Alaska has to offer. Limiting responsible motorized access to the Chugach Forest doesn't do any good to Alaskans or its economy. If these areas are not protected for motorized use they will end up being lost and no one will be able to enjoy our vast forest. You simply can't access past the road system or right off the trail without motorized use. Snowmachines do next to zero vegetation impact with the minimum snow depth that we currently go by. Instead of restricting motorized use, I believe we should take care and expand our recreation areas for everyone to have equal access to all of Alaska's backcountry. I can speak as a whole for everyone that frequents the backcountry that we all respect the forest and its wildlife. We are also very proactive at keeping the forest clean and safe for everyone. Alaska is unique in a way. There is a lot of experience in the snowmobiling community about being safe in the outdoors. In emergency situations your best bet is a group of experienced riders that know the area and have the tools to help everyone get home safe. I can't count how many times people have been saved from being lost, injured, or unprepared. All that will be lost without motorized use in Alaska's backcountry. With that I strongly disagree with amends C and D as they restrict access for Alaskans to the Chugach Forest.

Respectfully,

Austin Goodrich