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Comments: I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed changes to motorized use in the Chugach National Forest. I have lived in Alaska since 1982 where I meet my now wife in high school and raised 3 children. I started snow machining late in life at the age of 40, I purchased a snow machine for the kids and decided I had better try it first, well that was probably not what the wife wanted me to do as she could instantly see the "oh honey can I get one look in my eyes. Well that week I purchased 2 more sleds for myself and the kids. This lead to a completely new experience for winter for our family, the ability to go into places we could never reach before meeting new people and becoming friends. My self and my children have all ride the Chugach Forest area. At present the motorized community is being asked to adopt or abide by proposed changes or (Alternatives) A,B,C and D. since I am unfamiliar with the process my question is was there a problem with the original use or does this come up on a so many year cycle and if so what would necessitate the change to the original use. That being said my my choice would be option B in which I feel needs some additional modifications.

I am a small business owner and the impact that these alternatives will bring upon our community will be great it doesn't just effect the immediate users but will trickle down and more than likely effect even people who oppose the motorized use if they really looked at it. Alaskans are hard working family orientated people who, just want to raise our families enjoy life and enjoy our great state. I hope that the decisions made regarding these changes will be based on the communities input from t within this state as that is where the impact will be felt.

Thank you

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