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Comments: It has recently came to my attention that there will be changes made to the recreation zones in the Chugach National Forest areas. I was born and reared in Alaska and I have been taking advantage of these beautiful areas for most of my life (motorized and non motorized). I Utilize these areas for snow machining and snow boarding usually 1-3 times per week. While change is often a good thing, I suggest that zero changes be made. My concern about making changes to the riding areas is safety. Its easy to get lost when your out in the wilderness, especially while riding in new territory. When the days are short in the winter, getting lost in new areas could be a potential problem. Also, Avalanche danger. While avalanches are always my number one concern regardless of where I am, Its much more daunting to venture into unfamiliar territory. I prefer to stick to the areas that I'm familiar with. I suggest that zero changes be made to the current riding areas for those reasons. I mainly ride turnagain pass, Whittier, and lost lake. The interactive map dictating the new proposed zones is not working on my computer, so if I must choose one of the options (A,B,C,or D,) I would choose which ever option makes the least amount of changes to those areas. I believe option A or B.

Thank you for your reading my opinion