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Comments: As a hiker, skier, snowboarder, and snowmachiner I do not think it is appropriate to extend the wilderness area to exclude motorized access. I personally use snow machines to access mountains for splitboarding at Lost Lake, Paradise, and Trail river but I am hoping to have the opportunity to explore other areas with my family as well. Restricting snowmachine access restricts rescues efforts as well as winter recreational activities such as hiking and skiing. As we know, getting outdoors in the winter is absolutely vital to a healthy Alaskan community. I feel the detriments of restricting motorized access are greater than the benefits. Rather than restrict access, encouraging rebellion and overuse of allowed trails, why not propose wilderness preservation and safety tactics. For example, where snow cover is an issue let's trim a handful of trees that block snowfall. With adequate snow cover there will be much less if any disrupt to the ground. Can we please address the real concerns rather than simply restricting a popular Alaskan sport and means of transportation?