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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Kyle Brown and I am a lifelong Alaskan. I grew up in Anchorage and have enjoyed the many opportunities there are in this great state to experience the outdoors, during any season. Like many other Alaskans, I have grown up around all types of motorized vehicles and snowmobiles are no exception. Living in Anchorage, one of the most frequented areas to ride and many individuals first experiences, are in the Chugach National Forest.

Over the years there has been a community of powersports enthusiasts that has grown and come together with a shared love and passion for riding in the backcountry of the Chugach National Forest. This community encompasses people from all parts of Alaska and all walks of life. Countless others from around the nation and world will travel the distance just to experience the uniqueness and world class snowmachining first hand.

As Alaskans, we value our wilderness areas and have a deep respect for the land and all it has to offer, understanding we have a responsibility to maintain and use it so that generations to come will be able to benefit from it. These areas that have become ingrained in the local community must continue to be used by all members of the community, including motorized use. They should remain unhindered from out of state interests with no knowledge of life in our great state.

From an economic standpoint, motorized use in these areas stimulates the local economy with a seasonal influx of business that many in the surrounding area have come to rely on. Restricting motorized access will not only hurt locally owned businesses, it will do so needlessly.

Responsible motorized use of local, state, and federal lands is an inherent part of being an Alaskan, regardless of what part of the state you are from. It is quite a lifestyle to our way of life and engrained in us from when we are children. Limiting or restricting motorized use in one of the most popular areas is not only an affront to the power sports community, but all Alaskans.

Respectfully,

Kyle Brown