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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am a life long Alaskan who was born and raised in Kenai. The Chugach was my home growing up and learning how to ride snowmachines, hike, bike, and camp. I ride everywhere from Lost lake, Nelly Juan, Turnagain, Placer, and everywhere in between whenever the area is open or has good snow. I strongly oppose closing any more access to motorized use. Closing land access would greatly impact the community in a negative way. There is only so much to do in Alaska, especially during the long winters. Snowmachining has always been a huge part of my life, getting out and enjoying the winter any way possible is vital to keeping people happy. It is something that people look forward to and helps people not become depressed and keeps people active. The kenai Peninsula only has one mountain range for accessing these sorts of activities, and they are already extremely restricted for motorized use. There is also a lack of access points to various areas which causes issues with closures. Building new areas above the ever rising freeze lines would help reduce damage to trails and other areas of interest. Snowmachining also has a huge economic impact in the area. closing down one of the only riding areas for the peninsula would drive a lot of businesses away and hurt the local economy from Kenai to Anchorage. Please consider not only the economical impact, but also the emotional impact it has on thousands of Alaskans.

Thank You,

Tyler