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Comments: I'm a heavy user of the Chugach Forrest and love every aspect of it. Wilderness and the mountains are my church. I'm a avid backcountry skier, fisherman, kayaker, and snowmachine user. I primarily use my snowmachine to access the backcountry for skiing. I'm a skier first. I frequently use most of the cabins from Seward to PWS.

I am opposed to options C and D since they are reducing the available snowmobile access. In today's climate, we need to be flexible and allow access to areas that are reasonably covered in snow. Also, by spreading people out, the areas are safer with my children who love to ski and ride. Turnagain pass is not a place for young kids when other areas aren't open. I am in favor of limiting the sound output of some of these modified machines. Luckily, with new technologies the sound output is decreasing.

I have also used the cabins in the winter with my young family, which wasn't possible otherwise. I'm looking forward to one day being able to access the Spencer View cabin with the family during the winter. 20 mile is another area that I've never been able to explore until I got a snowmobile. What a fantastic opportunity to get out and see some amazing country.

I think access corridors are a great way to keep the different groups happy and I'm disappointed to not see them in the plan. South Fork and Johnson pass are good examples of areas that very few people are able to see during the winter without a snowmachine. I'd like to see that expanded to areas such as Mills Creek and an corridor on the West side of Summit lake.

I'd also like to see plans included to look at higher access points to accommodate our warming climate. Area such as Lost Lake. Creating a trail corridor from the divide to Lost Lake would expand the recreation time which local residents would enjoy.

To summarize:

- opposed to limiting more areas for safety and flexibility
- in favor of limiting sound output
- love to have snowmobile access to the cabins to enjoy with the family
- expand corridors so snowmachines can get away from hiker access areas
- plan for our warming climate by creating more high altitude access.