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Comments: To Whom It May Concern-

I oppose banning domestic goats and sheep in the Chugach National Forest. The proposed ban seems to be in response to fears of spreading *M. ovi* from domestic small ruminants to wild sheep and goats. Current studies are showing that *M. ovi* may already exist in wild populations. There has been no environmental impact statement or analysis that would indicate the need to ban domestic sheep and goats. There are areas within the proposed ban area that are home to private homesteads that depend on their livestock for milk, meat and fiber.

Sincerely,

Debra Lucero