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Comments: First off I just want to say that snowmobiling in the Chugach the past 10 years has changed my life forever. The amazing terrain, snowpack, and access is unrivaled. I live in Tahoe and have traveled and snowmachined all over the lower 48 but nothing compares to Alaska especially the Chugach area. These plans to ban sled usages here would be devastating to the snowmobile, ski, and snowboard world. Every year I work as hard as possible just to be able to make it back there every spring for a minimum of 3 weeks. The underlying fact is that over the snow machines especially with the new fuel efficient models leave zero impact on the natural surroundings. I could understand restricting the usage of dirt bikes, quads, and side by sides when there is no snow, but the idea that snow machines have any impact on the natural environment is really non existent. Please consider the reality and severity of this situation and come to the realization that banning the use of sleds in the chugach would be a total waste of money, time, effort, and resources that could be put to better use in a more relevant and important problems. Time and time again the plans are being turned down in national Forrest areas because these people in charge of making the big decisions are realizing that with proper knowledge and respect for the land over the snow machine usage is perfectly sustainable and leaves zero impact on the prestine land that lies underneath. Please take every I have said to heart and realize without this usage you will be taking a piece of my soul forever. Thank you for your time and effort. Sincerely Drew Waggoner