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Comments: To whom it may concern,

The importance of the outdoors is crucial to myself and my family. We spend countless hours and days in the backcountry. We enjoy both motorized and non motorized recreation. I am an avid snowmobiler. ALL motorized areas need to stay open for future generations. Public land should be public. No preference should be given to a certain user group. The rights of motorized user groups have diminished since 2002 when The National Forest Service initiated the Forest Land Management Plan. These plans have long favored other user groups and I urge you to bring a balance to the allowed usage to all groups. Please consider leaving the current access in place and work toward opening more areas for future generations. The CNF is for ALL user groups, closing motorized areas to users would just concentrate those users to other areas of CNF. As of now the motorized group uses only a Small percentage of the CNF. I do not like any of the plans but if I must support one It would be Alternative B. Please consider not closing anymore motorized areas in the state of Alaska

The environmental impact of modern snowmobiles is minimal, the economic impact on the other hand is huge. The snowmobile industry is big business in Alaska, dealers, shops, lodges, and others depend on the snowmobile crowd. In my experience we spare no expense to ensure we have an amazing time. Lodging and food along the way to recreate in CNF is very important to local businesses and snowmobilers carry them through the winters. With the impacts of climate change, and increased popularity of the sport, our riding areas in CNF are getting more pressure. Loosing areas and acreage will pose safety concerns with more people crowding into the same areas. Non-motorized users have the same rights as we do to recreate undisturbed, however they rarely travel more than 10 miles from a roadway.