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Comments: I arrived here in Anchorage with the United States Air Force in August of 2000 from South Carolina. I had always dreamed of getting assigned to the great state of Alaska. As an avid hunter and fisherman I was super stoked to get this opportunity to continue my service in this great land. I was quickly introduced to the tremendous opportunities for recreation both motorized and non-motorized around the area. I purchased my first snowmachines in 2001 and set out with friends and family to explore the winter wonderland. In the years since I have ridden Lost lake, Moose pass Turnagain and Squirrel flats and many other motorized accessible areas. Winter riding is a passion that cannot be ignored. I strongly oppose losing any motorized use areas now or in the future. Snowmachine technology has improved with each passing year with cleaner more fuel efficient sleds with less impact to the environment. I would like to see even more areas opened to motorized use with properly established/managed corridors for access. I support alternative plan B being the least restrictive. C and D are not acceptable because they appear to close areas. Alaska already has the most established wildlife acreage of any state to date. I retired in 2013 after 23 years in the USAF and remained in this state in part due to the abundance of motorized recreational opportunities compared to other states. As a resident of Alaska I also oppose establishment of any more wilderness areas in addition to the 1.4m acres designated in 2002. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this public process.

Sincerely

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