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Comments: * I have lived in Alaska 47 years and can not believe the way access to back country is so limited. More areas need to be opened and kept open like Center Creek, Mills creek, I enjoy getting out and any more restrictions makes it hard to get out and enjoy this great Chugach area. I have always been a hunter and fisher outdoors type person.

* I am strongly opposed to losing any more acres of snowmachine terrain on the Kenai Peninsula. Therefore Alternatives C and D are unacceptable. An increase in backcountry recreation, quieter, more fuel efficient snowmobiles and inconsistent snow at lower elevations are all reasons we need to maintain what riding areas we have today and for future generations. I feel it important to keep the use of motorized access corridors like 20 Mile or South Fork of Snow River.

* As it pertains to safety and rescue, our trails serve as emergency access routes for first responders to any motorized or non-motorized incident.

* Warmer winters in Alaska are affecting user access. The EIS/Forest plan do not bring solutions forward to address this issue. For example, Lost Lake often is closed to motorized use when there is more than adequate snow cover 500' up the trail.

* I don't think it appropriate to recommend additional acres (beyond the 1.4M acres recommended in 2002) suitable for Wilderness designation in this Forest plan. Any further acres designated as "Wilderness" will limit winter recreation opportunities and displace motorized users.