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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I grew up in Girdwood. In the heart of the Chugach. I spent all of my free time in the Park. I am strongly in support of option B. Motorized use of the land was, and is, traditional use throughout my life. My father made it apart of our life, and now it has become a significant part of my sons life.

My earliest memories are of Snowmachining deep into the woods to collect firewood for our house. This was necessary to keep my family warm. We ventured off the beaten path in order to cut dead beetle killed spruce. I was taught that we needed to respect the land and venture out as far as we could in order to not take everything right alongside the road. This process was necessary to fuel our heat for the year. Without the use and access we had with our snowmachines this would not have been possible!

In the summers and fall we used our access to take four wheelers deep into the valleys and up mountains in order to set up camp in order to hunt. Without the access it would have made the hunt inefficient and too costly to fill out freezers in order to feed the family. The experiences and countless life lessons we were able to obtain were solely due to having motorized access.

As a teenager I started getting into exploring more of the mountainous terrain. I hiked and skied some. But quickly found snowmachining to open the doors to countless new areas that would not have been feasible without the motorized access. Living in Girdwood it was only a few minute drive to: 20 mike, Placer Valley, Turnagain Pass and Johnson's Pass. I spent every minute outside of the park working my butt off in order to get back out there to explore and make more experience.

This way of life kept me out of trouble, off drugs, and very motivated. I believe the Youth in Alaska need this opportunity as an outlet. Without it you are opening the doors to bored complacent kids that have want to go have fun, but end up burning out at their parents house or getting into worse trouble. Everything is already so extreme and such an ordeal to do up here, I feel that by taking this close access away you will just be making it harder for them.

My son is now 5. He has been riding his own snowmachine in Turnagain Pass the last two years. He eats, breathes, and sleeps motorized sports. All he talks about and cares about are: when are we going to ride Turnagain next. When can we go cut wood again. When can we go back into Placer Valley and see a glacier up close?..

This is our way of life. We respect our land and take extra measures to clean up after the bad apples that have created the bad light on us. I really hope you look hard at what will be taken away from so many families if this access gets closed down. It will not benefit anyone.

Thank you for taking he time to read my opinion and to take it into consideration.

Sincerely,

Logan Barber