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To whom it may concern:

I was born and raised in Fairbanks, who grew up riding in Cantwell and the Summit area. As a young child I would do whatever I could to be outside. Whether it be riding my snowmachine during the long Alaskan winters and dirt bike and wheelers during the summer.

I fell in love with Turnagain Pass last year, it quickly became one of my most cherished spots to ride. I spend nearly every weekend or weekdays during the winter days exploring the amazing terrain of the Chugach. Last year was my first full year exploring all the areas from Nellie Juan to Johnsons Pass, over to Squirrel Flats and Skookum Glacier. However, my love for exploring these areas is currently being threatened by the Alternatives of C and D that have been laid before us. Therefore, C and D are NOT acceptable. I'm encouraging you to look deeper into these plans. As deep as your first opening day in Turnagain Pass. These alternatives threaten to take away the rights we have as a motorized community to explore and relish in these beautiful landscapes. Meaning those weekend trips I take down to Turnagain Pass that are followed by the best pow days of my life, quality time with my friends, delicious burgers from Chair 5, are being jeopardized.

Alternative B has potential, but with modifications to be added. The sled community has increased dramatically in size throughout the years. This means; booming economy for our small businesses, jobs for our people, and the ability to explore land we never imagined possible. There are already measures implemented by CNAIF that prohibits riding sleds in area with inadequate snow cover. This minimizes the impact of the environment while allowing users to explore and enjoy the park. This keeps the impact to the environment minimal and non-invasive. New technology means cleaner engines, fuel efficiency that'll take us further into the mountains, and lighter machines that have little to no collision to the snow fallen terrain. The sled industry is improving every year, why try to take away places to explore when we should be adding them.

Thank you for your time and I hope we can add to our riding zones and not take away from them.