

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/31/2018 4:52:22 PM

First name: Eric

Last name: Hart

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am a life long Alaskan and I have been riding a snowmachine since I was a little kid. I have been riding in the Chugach Forest since the early 2000s, and I cannot imagine not being able to ride in the mountains. I live on the Kenai Peninsula and every fall I anticipate being able to ride in the mountains. I am adamantly against any Forrest plan that takes riding areas away from winter motorized usage. I don't understand how limiting motorized access helps anyone. I don't know how you would access most of our riding areas any other way short of a helicopter. I have gone up primrose trail to access Lost Lake and have had snow 3-4 higher than the trail. I now riders get a bad reputation for tearing up the trail but we break the trail in and pack them down. The hard packed trails also help for emergency access in emergencies. As a life long Kenai Peninsula resident I would hate to see losing access to riding areas I have had my entire life that is about as Unamerican as it gets. I really don't see who it helps by limiting motorized access to the Chugach Forest it's just to big to experience on foot, so likely if there is motorized access closure no one will enjoy the backcountry. Please don't take away our access to our Alaskan back yard.