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Comments: Dear Chugach National Forest,

Thank you for the rigorous and transparent process you have provided for the updating of the Chugach National Forest land management plan.

My main area of interest is the Seward Ranger District / Summit lake area. My primary concern is the equitable balance between non motorized & motorized winter access. The current winter access plan appears to be balanced. I primarily spend my time skiing in the Summit Pass area. It is important to maintain non motorized access to these world class ski mountains because of their accessibility from the Seward Highway. Motorized currently have access to both Summit Lakes, strips of land along the highway and high marking opportunities on the three east side mountains south of Tenderfoot creek. The maintenance of the boundary between motor/non motor on the south side of Tenderfoot creek is critical for providing quiet non motorized access to world class ski terrain that is easily accessed from the Seward Highway. The peak at the head of Tenderfoot creek is 5000' tall and provides dramatic views of Mills creek. The Mills creek drainage is a wild life corridor and should be left in its primitive state. Mills creek is easily accessed via the Mills creek mining road and provides the non motorized community an accessible true back country experience. The west side mountains at Summit lake offer easy access to day trips for the quiet sports enthusiast. The views from the west side mountains looking back at Silvertip peak, Manitoba mountain & Spirit Walker peak are spectacular! To reiterate it is my humble opinion that the current Kenai winter access plan is well balanced between motorized and motorized.

My recommendation is to incorporate Alternative C into the FEIS. Thanks much for your consideration of these comments.