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Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and voice my concerns about the Chugach Forest Service Revision Plan.

I have lived in the Summit Lake valley since 1968, and have depended on the local resources for my livelihood. I have used my snowmachine every year to bring in firewood, and to hunt and trap. I am highly opposed to more restrictions of motorized usage in this area. There are already many areas where motorized use has been banned. I haven't seen any great conflict between the different user groups, and I believe the different groups can get along without banning one or the other.

As an avid snowmobile owner, I enjoy the use of the Chugach National Forest by riding snowmachines and I typically go over 60 times a year.

I hope that access will not be decreased for motorized vehicles, Specifically (snowmachines). As a Resident of Sterling the Chugach National Forest is my backyard, my family also has had a cabin in the vicinity of Summit Lake for over 50 years. We enjoy riding from the cabin. So I would prefer Alternative A so I can continue riding with my Dad, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The other areas I ride in the forest are: Turnagain, Skookum, Lost Lake, Summit Lake, Carter Lake, Nellie Juan, Resurrection Pass, Johnson Pass and Whittier,

As a motorized user, I oppose losing any right to motorized access of these public lands. A large majority of the Chugach is already restricted to nonmotorized use, and what's left should remain open, if not expanded. If Alternative A is not selected the only other viable option is Alternative B as Alternatives C & D are way too restrictive.

The access to motorized user groups have continued to be diminished since 2002 when The National Forest Service initiated the Forest Land Management Plan. Please consider leaving the current access in place and work toward opening more areas.

Thanks for listening to my opinion.