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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

First a little background information, my family and I PCS'd to AK in 2010 and stayed until July 2018. We immediately fell in love with the state. We bought a house in Eagle River which we still own and intend to move back to in 4 years after my retirement. My wife was a middle school teacher at Alaska Native Charter School further falling in love with the culture.

We are avid hikers, backpackers, campers, OHV riders, and I'm a 20-25 trip a winter snowmachiner. I would easily spend \$8-10 thousand a year on sleds, parts from local business, food, gas, camping, hotels. Many of my friends do the same.

As we have recently moved to NM, I've come to realize the public land that AK offers is extremely unique and must be preserved and regulated to allow both access and protection for future use. This is the biggest reason we want to make AK our forever home. It's also the reason C and D CANNOT be implemented as they are far too restrictive to public land and public access.

Reducing access areas will only cause more land damage as the same users are crammed into the same areas and forced to over use the small area. In fact opening more areas to motorized use would probably be more effective in protecting land. Think of a thousand cows on a single acre of grass vs a 1000 acres, the first destroys everything the latter nothing and all happy cows!

Thanks for your time and hard work protecting our state!