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To whom it may concern,

In reference to Chugach Forest Plan Revision #40816:

I would like to state my opposition to adopting Alternative C or D of the Chugach National Forest Land Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

My first time seeing Alaska was when I was 10 years old. My brother had just moved to Girdwood and I was so excited to see his home in this beautiful state. It didn't take long for me to know that some day, I would call it my home too. I moved to Ketchikan in '15, and anchorage this summer. I love to fish & paddle board in the summer, hunt in the fall/spring, and snowboard/snow-machine in the winter. I first started riding snow machine's in the past couple of years and purchased 2 sleds just recently.

If there is any complaint I have about Alaska, it's the public access points being so few and far between for people to use. With even less access in alternatives C & D people are forced to crowd themselves into an area resulting in more impact on the land. Our magnificent state happens to be the largest one in the country. It's filled with untouched forests, tundras as far as the eye can see, mountain ranges yet to be explored, the list goes on and on. We have no shortage of land here. It's just a matter of good management that promotes the conservation of it. Denying access and naming it a wilderness isn't good management.

Motorized access should also be understood as a positive and vital aspect for all backcountry recreation. Our trail systems serve human powered and motorized users alike. They give access to avalanche research and reporting and allow for emergency access for first responders. And lastly, this access allows the Public to have oversight over how our Public Lands are being managed and used.

Of the alternative Travel Management proposals currently available for review, I am writing in support of Alternative B.

Let us use our public lands to explore. To hunt & fish. To ride. To teach our children good conservation practice. To be humbled by Mother Nature and her glory.