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Comments: Hello my name is Nial Romanek. I live in the Lake Tahoe region which is located in California. I have been come up to Valdez for the last couple years to go snowboard on all the awesome mountains that the Chugach range provides. My main way of transport in the mountains is using a snowmobile which makes it possible for me and my buddies to reach mountains that wouldn't be accessible by foot. With that being said I usually have about 5-10 people in my group per year. I feel as tho the local economy would take pretty big hit in the spring time if sledding got banned. We are just one of the many groups that come to this awesome place to play in the amazing mountains. We buy gas, diesel, propane, food, water, camping supplies beer haha and many more things to make are time on the pass comfortable. If snowmobiling were to get banned we would have no choice but to move are trips to within a different part of Alaska or to British Columbia. My group and I would love to do the heli skiing thing but it is way to expensive for are budget. We could probably do one to three days and then have to leave. I hope you can see the value in having those that want to stay and experience the beauty and incredible terrain of the Chugach for longer than just a heli trip. Please don't make this yet another area of the world that can only be experienced by the ultra rich.