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Comments: I have enjoyed accessing these wonderful areas of Alaska for the 20 years that I have lived here and call Alaska home.

The proposed closure of these areas is rather baffling to me as it only defines a certain group the opportunity to potentially declare a victory against another group. In my opinion, there should be no winners or losers when it comes to decisions like these proposed. Everyone should have the ability to utilize the National Forest Service land, especially in the Chugach Forest!

Many of us Alaskans use the land as an opportunity to get out and enjoy the beautiful scenic value it represents to EVERYONE, not a group of certain demographic nature.

I have used this area over the years via motorized access in and out of the focus points and have enjoyed over 100 trips since becoming a resident of the state. We need to keep these areas open, along with access points to and from those areas for all not one group or the other!!

I am not sure what is considered motorized, because I have been harassed in the past by helicopters dropping of skiers on mountain tops, like I was trespassing on private property. This was not right.....it's there for everyone to use and enjoy no matter who you are. Whether individual's choice is to commute to these area via motor, ski's, snowshoes and even by foot or bike if desired!!

I encourage a correct decisions be made that has everyone's best interest at the focal point! We already have enough controversy in each others lives, there's no reason to add more.

I enjoy the wonderful scenery in the Chugach Forest, via my choice in the winter via motorized means but also into nearby areas in the summer months via hiking or via rivers.

The best option if a choice has to made would be option B, THIS LEAVES AREAS TO CONTINUE TO HAVE ACCESS AND WE NEED TO ENSURE REVIEWS ARE COMPLETED TO ENSURE OTHER ACCESS POINTS ARE REVIEWED AS WELL INTO OTHER AREAS THAT ARE NOT MENTIONED HERE WHICH HAPPENED TO BE ALSO SOUTH OF ANCHORAGE!!

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my thoughts and comments on this very important topic, please make the correct decision for everyone not just one demographic!!

Sincerely,

Mike Vasser