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Comments: To whom it may concern:

I was born and raised in Alaska. I spent my childhood hunting, fishing, snow machining, and basically doing any outdoor activity that my dad would take us on. This is how a child hood should be spent... Getting to climb trees and learn about the wilderness. I wholeheartedly believe that we have a responsibility to take care of this amazing place that we have been blessed to live in. I was fortunate enough to grow up and marry a man who loves the outdoors as much as I do.. We have built our lives snow machining in the winter and boating in the summer. While keeping our boat in Whittier it was there that we found we could also use the forest to snowmachine in the winter time as well and keep our outdoor activities going. This also includes recreating with our six-year-old son who, just like his daddy, loves to snow machine and spends every waking minute in the snow that he possibly can. We have spent countless hours in the Turnagain parking lot letting him ride his mini Z, taking him up to the easy access points in Whittier, and allowing him to grow with confidence riding his snowmachine in such a beautiful areas. But with the revisions that are being suggested that opportunity could very well be taken away from him. I hope that my son has the same advantages that I did growing up being able to exert his physical activity in a sport like snow machining that he loves so much.

The revision plans C and D will not allow him the opportunity to grow into something that he's passionate about and as his mother that breaks my heart. It is because of this that I recommend Plan B as the option going forward. The Chugach National Forest is a vast area that because of its size does not need, in my humble opinion, to have anymore of the access closed down to motorized use. It's my hope that this letter speaks for all of the the parents of kids who find using these areas as an outlet for something positive like snowmachining and further supporting their healthy habits.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Respectively,

Brianna Olzenak