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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I would like to make a personal comment on the possibility of further restricting certain user groups in OUR national forest.

My family and I are avid users of the Chugach National Forest. Both motorized, and more often then not, nonmotorized. Options C&D are unacceptable to me as a multi use individual. Option B is the only route that should be considered to fully include all user groups.

Just for perspective I am not one of those gear heads that just wants to tear the trails up. With modern technology today's snow machines are a far cry from the early machines that could be heard for miles. With quieter, more fuel efficient machines the possible range for backcountry exploration is truly exciting. Outside of the winter seasons many of these backcountry areas are extremely hard to get to without airplane access which limits many users financially.

Speaking of financial impacts, living in Cooper Landing I can personally see the financial impact a good winter, with good snow cover and rideable areas has on the towns on the peninsula. On good snow years, where access is plentiful the hotels/nightly rentals are busy, the restaurants have weekend traffic, and there is money coming into the smaller communities. Bottom line good snow, with good access brings butts to seats, and dollars in pockets

I am not always a motorized user, but I do enjoy having the option to be one. As a family we hike, bike, ski and camp in the national forest as well as snowmachine. It's unfortunate so many people from outside our communities are trying to make it so we can't use our backyards in the ways we enjoy. I live, work, play, and raise my family in these forests, and that is not by accident. With so much to explore it would be a shame to limit our access to these awesome places. Option B is the only route for all users.