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Comments: I am drafting this letter to the CNF in order to give my sworn opinion of the draft land management plan.

I was born march 4 1980 in Palmer, AK. I have lived in many places throughout the state and US during my life and have found no greater place than the Kenai Peninsula where I currently reside with my family. Raising my children to respect the land and all of Gods creations just as I had been raised. As a family we have used the Forest for every type of Recreational use imaginable. Fishing, Hunting, Biking , Camping, Skiing, and so many more but by far our favorite is snowmachining. Taking the family out into the mountains and getting away from it all weather a cozy trip to a forest cabin like crescent lake or camping out in the parking lot of Turnagain Pass. It is a revitalization of the soul and as my kids grow older and become more capable riders I look forward to taking them ever deeper into the expanse of our great backcountry. So many times I have stood atop a mountain or looked out over a new zone or area I have never seen before or one that was even familiar to me but still beyond belief and thought "I can't wait to share this with the ones I love friends and family alike ! We are so blessed to live in a country with all the freedoms and benefits to prosper and live in peace not to mention a state with natural beauty unrivaled in comparison. The Forest is a place to be shared among all and its use should not be limited to those who wish to respectfully use it. This is why I am writing in full opposition of any closures of already existing areas open to motorized use . I also strongly oppose alternatives C and D as options for the forest. There should be no additions of Wilderness designated areas as that only restricts and limits the use of the Forest . I do however Support option B. I also strongly support an increase in cooridoors for winterized access to the backcountry.

SNowmachines provide the forest so many benefits, The economic impact alone is huge... nobody spends more than sledders. Trucks, trailers sleds, gear , fuel , gas station stops and restaurant meals, hotels and so on. NO study has been done on this in the plan but on pg 156 it clearly states that it is valuble to recognize how valuble the forest is to economic sustainability in surrounding communities. I personaly volunteer my time with the forest service to teach avalanche safety as well as instruct motorized courses for Alaska avalanche school. All taking place in the forest.

Sleds also break trail to the Backcountry for ALL user groups allowing for more people to access the forest than ever before. Weather it young old or disabled snowmachines make it possible for so many to access the further reaches of the forest. Advancements in snowmachines are now making them super fuel efficient allowing us to explore further than ever before possible . Packed snowmachine trails are invaluable durind rescue or emergency response as well as a darn good trail to walk out of the forest on. I have seen the benefits so many times. I love the Forest and couldn't imagine life without it , it truly is a way of life likewise is snowmachining for my family and so many of the people I know.

In closing I would ask that you consider carfully your decisions and remember the forest was put in place for us to be a part of not to be forgotten

THank you

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