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Comments: I am strongly opposed to Alternative C&D of the Forest Plan Revision! Motorized use in the Chugach has been adopted as a way of life for many Alaskan's long before the people(many non-Alaskan's) that are trying to shut it down, lived or moved to Alaska. The Chugach have played an amazing roll in my life by spending time in them and being surrounded by their beauty and ruggedness. I enjoy hunting, fishing, and being able to access my public lands in a timely manner. The area around Skookum and Turnagan Pass have been some of my favorite areas to ride and explore! With the exception of heliskiing, most people access the Chugach back-country using trails that are established by snowmachines. There are already areas that are duel use such as Skookum that are enjoyed by both cross-country skiers and snow machines with very little conflict. Snow machines sit on top of the snow same as skis, boards, snowshoes, dogsleds and every other way that is used to access the Chugach during the winter. Sleds are restricted to only use the Chugach when there is enough snow-pack to cover the ground adequately, yet access by HIKING, biking and horseback all have direct impact on the ground.

There is so much bias towards motorized use into these beautiful areas, yet at the same time motorized users are not trying to shut down areas to the non motorized users! Public lands are public lands, not "hiking only lands". Look at usage of the Chugach during the winter, there will always be more motorized use(public enjoying their lands) then non motorized(also public enjoying their lands) and yet the minority is trying to shut out the majority. Where is our chance for compromise? Motorized users have no problem sharing our public lands, but not being shut out completely.