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Hello Forest Service Rangers,

I thought you might find my perspective and experience with Points North helpful. Being a life time skier, I have always wanted to go heli-skiing but never had the time or funds to pull it off.

Now that I am comfortably retired and well aged, I added this activity to my bucket list. Last winter, I signed up and joined Points North for a week. I had never heard of the Chugach and barely knew the Cordova name. But what an experience. I loved the community and the ski operation so much that I plan to ski (winter) and fly fish (summer) there in the years ahead (as long as my body will allow). Forget the bucket list idea.

Increasing the permit area for Points North will make future trips that much more appealing with terrain closer to their base of operations. It also will dilute any possible impact on the glaciers they already use. Perhaps most importantly, with their strong and professional social media presence, PNH will present the expanded grandeur of the Chugach Mountain Range to a larger public audience. This in turn will bring additional positive attention to the Cordova Ranger District.

Their extensive training to new clients and all their safety equipment and protocols made me very comfortable. I was thoroughly impressed and eager to repeat the experience.

I urge your approval of their permit request.

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