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Comments: As a Cordova resident, I have snowboarded in the Cordova backcountry for the past 25 years.

During this time, my partners and I have explored far and wide. While I have been privileged to experience the convenience of helicopter assistance, I prefer the quiet of earning my turns with human power. More terrain exists in the Chugach mountains available to helicopter access than human powered users can realize.

Helicopters can reach farther, to places others cannot feasibly get to. Therefore, I suggest keeping our local mountains Heli-ski free. Besides noise and user traffic, the two different approaches create logistical and safety problems; This can be seen at Thompson Pass. Human powered users can and do get to zones 10, 11, and especially all of 12. Also, zone 12 borders the only non-motorized area in the Cordova district, including the ridgeline where mountain goat exist. Please keep zones 10, 11, and 12 Heli-ski free. Thank you for considering these comments.