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Comments: As a pilot from Alaska I get to enjoy a perspective of our NFS lands that many do not. It is the unique capability of a helicopter that can give the public this same perspective. The remote vastness and rugged terrain of the Chugach make it very difficult to access some of the deeper and most magnificent areas. By providing access via helicopters allows the public to experience these places that they would otherwise not be able too. It is my belief that allowing heliskiing in the NFS will give this unique perspective to the public, this can motivate people to take issue with protecting our public lands in America. I think that Points North Heli Adventures is most deserving of this privilege. PNH has "written the book" on how to safely, efficiently and respectfully heliski in the Chugach. As a pilot contracted with PNH I have been a first hand witness of their meticulous approach to safety and professionalism in the mountains and in Cordova. It gives me pride as an Alaskan to be associated with a company that not only cares about the community that they transient but also encourage clients to learn about the history and culture, explore and spend money in the town that supports its operation. By providing this permit to PNH the NFS should be proud that they are supporting a safe, efficient, educational and respectful company that will provide NFS lands awareness, safety and economic value. Thank you for all the hard work that has been put into the process of such a promising permit.