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Comments: Cordova Electric Coopeatives supports the Cordova Ranger Disctrict Guided Helicopter Skiing Project #59615. Although the identified areas the proposed areas are in close proximity to areas enjoyed by various community and tribal user groups, Points North Heliadvantures (PNH) has demonontrated for over 20 years that they can access back-country terrain in a manner that avoids noise and visually generated conflicts. As the president of the Cordova Chamber of Commerce for several years, I noted the strong positive impact that PNH had on the Cordova economy directly through bringing guests and local residents onto the Forest to areas that would otherwise be impossible to access for recreation. The indirect benefits through use of the local Sheridan Ski Club Mt Eyak facility, of the City Parks and Recreation facility, and the incidental destination marketing of the Community of Cordova to adventure tourists while marketing their business all have positive and lasting benefits. The social value of assisting Cordova Electric to access remote hydropower facilities in winter for emergency maintenance, assisting in search and rescue efforts for avalanche-related emegencies to recover and rescue buried victims for Cordova Electric and the community at large, and participating actively with the Cordova School district with assemblies and events to connect students with world class and olympic athletes also positively impact the community. As long as operators largely abide by the standards that PNH has operated with - avoiding user conflicts with the community when possible and engaging actively with the community and a good corporate citizen, the expanded operating areas are welcome. I spend significant personal and professional time in much of the mapped area included in this project, and do not believe their noise or visual impact will be more invasive than current helicopter and fixed wing aviation recreational and commercial flying (serving remote cellular sites, government and private sector delivery of materials and goods via helicopter, etc.). Respectfully, Clay Koplin, Cordova Electric Cooperative.