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Comments: Dear Cordova Ranger District,

This letter is in support of the proposed guided helicopter skiing permit for Points North Heli-Adventures (PNH) in the Cordova Ranger District. I support the permit for PNH because it is a low-impact way to see and experience the Chugach National Forest in all its glory while providing for more skiing in the range, which is an unforgettable life experience.

Since I first came to PNH in 2018 I have planned to return every year to see more and the increased access to the Chugach range will keep me coming back in the future. Besides skiing, the helicopter ride is a big part of the experience. Seeing vast swaths of the Chugach Mountains and the individual peaks, valleys, and glaciers teaches me about land and weather at a whole new scale, and watching the pilots and guides operate is a confidence-inspiring experience in itself.

It's also important to note that the owners of PNH operate the lodge and guiding service thoughtfully to minimize the impact on the environment and be good neighbors to the local community. Before COVID times I liked going into town to enjoy a meal, see the scenery, and meet people. Every trip away from the lodge I was learning about the fishing, wildlife, and history, as well as seeing the beautiful shores, rivers, and glaciers surrounding town, and I look forward to continuing to do so in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nick