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These comments are in regards to Cordova Ranger District Guided Helicopter Skiing Project #59615

Thank you for your work on the draft EA.

In general I support Alternative 2 as it best addresses many of the concerns brought up by the locals who recreate in the area.

As a local I would appreciate it if flight paths were not over any residential areas or over local recreation areas including but not limited to the Sheridan Lake, Eyak Lake and Power Creek areas. While we do have helicopter traffic around the Cordova airport, it is only an occasional occurrence and not on par with heli-ski operations which can have multiple flights a day shuttling skiers around.

Regarding goat avoidance zones, I like the idea of having some kind of GPS tracking device on the helicopters as a condition of their permit. I have lived in this area since 1997 and prior to that fished commercially in Kodiak, mainland Alaska and the Bering sea. I know first hand that people take advantage of being in remote locations and do not always follow rules and regulations. I think a tracking device would help keep people honest.

Thank you,

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