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Comments: I am a long time Cordova resident and avid non-motorized user of the Cordova and Copper River Flats area both winter and summer. Alternative 2 is the preferred alternative for me, though I do have some concerns with it.

The first is that I am against using the city strip on Lake Eyak for helicopter flights to access backcountry skiing. This would be a significant disturbance on a daily basis for the numerous residents who live around and near the lake and for the many residents who recreate on or near Lake Eyak.

I believe the majority of access for heli-skiing should be the current allowed flight paths via Nelson Bay and the Rude River drainage, as this avoids conflict with other users of the area.

I am not totally opposed to heli-skiing access from the Mudhole Smith airport at Mile 13 as long it is a direct flight from the airport to the helicopter-skiing areas and does not follow the highway. However, I think this access should be somewhat constrained. I.e. I think this access should not be heavily used on an ongoing, daily basis as this will negatively impact local residents who use the Sherman, Sheridan River areas for a wilderness experience.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Senear