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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Chugach National Forest Plan Revision. As a nonmotorized backcountry traveler I find it important to maintain and expand designated non-motorized areas. Backcountry skiing is growing in popularity every year and non-motorized areas keep backcountry travelers safe from snowmachiners who may not see them in a storm or may accidentally trigger an avalanche above them. It seems that clear boundaries are a must in order to actually enforce separation between motorized and nonmotorized areas. For example the road on Turnagian Pass very effectively separates the motorized and nonmotorized areas. Finally, climate change is already altering our ecosystems and should be reflected in any forest plan revisions.