

SAR - FP - Interests - Natural Quiet

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0002975-001	NATURAL QUIET. I appreciate and support the recognition of natural quiet as a resource, responsible management of summer ATV's & the new Developed Recreation/Reduced Noise. Regarding the winter recreation opportunities, I support your time-share for the Twentymile and proposals like the ones for Lost Lake, winner Creek, Seattle Creek, Bear Valley, and skookum Glacier. Establish a recreation plan that is truly fair & balanced by also closing to snowmachines (either with full closures or time-shares): Johnson Pass Trail (north end), Snow River (South Fork), Fresno Ridge, Carter/Crescent lakes, Russian River Trail, Jack and Sawmill Bays. Helicopter overflights & landings must be greatly reduced. Jet skis and airboats should not be allowed in the National Forest.
0008095-001	Stop road building in our national forests. I also object to noisy off-road vehicles. I want to hear nature's sounds not roaring (also no oil drilling, mining, or logging) !
0021622-005	* Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and limit ATV'S, helicopters, and snowmachines.
0022855-003	Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines
0022866-002	I also urge the Forest Service to ban ATVs, Jet Skis, snowmachines and helicopters from the Chugach Nat'l Forest Quiet is a valuable resource that should not be squandered for a few thrills.
0020929-006	8) I favor a change of current management along Turnagain Arm to provide some QUIET in winter and summer. The Dec 1 - Mar 31 motorized schedule at Ingram Creek etc. doesn't allow much quiet ski season there, does it? 9

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- 0021021-003 White noise is a largely accepted part of society in communities and along transportation corridors, the problem lies in the backcountry where people have a higher expectation of a quiet setting. The areas affected by motorized vehicles is extremely small when compared to the cumulative effects area. There are many places and times when backcountry users can find a quiet, tranquil getaway. The outcome is that very few backcountry users are adversely affected. In addition, regarding the cumulative effects map, the areas where snowmobiling use is not allowed or just does not happen, is significant and already exists.
- 0021096-001
- I've looked at the Chugach National Forest EIS/Planning maps and documents and I'm disappointed that so much consideration is being made for motorized 'recreation.' I'm all for snowmachines and ATVs and helicopters if they're needed to get someplace for a reason, but I don't think the roaring for its own sake in the name of motorized 'sport' is justifiable. If motor sports people want to make a lot of noise and exhaust and go real fast, then they should do it on their own land instead of public land.
- Please manage the Chugach National Forest to maximize the sort of quiet, spiritual experiences in nature that can't easily be obtained any more around Anchorage and Prince William Sound.
- 0021260-002 Restore Natural Quiet: Ban jet skis, limn motorized recreational vehicles - ATV's, helicopters, & snowmachines
- 0021532-001 I am a recreationalist in Anchorage, who favors 'quiet,' muscle-powered exploration in our local mountains and valleys, and would like to urge that such a spectacular local area be protected from noisy intrusions.
- 0021588-001 I was compelled to write and give you my whole hearted support to implement a management plan that will assure natural quiet in Forest Service lands. Please close as many areas as possible to snowmachine use.
- I also call for a complete ban on jet skis and any off road ATV use.
- Both of these activities have a huge negative impact of other users.
- Jet skis impact nesting habitat and ATV'S destroy the sensitive vegetation ground cover and leave scars across the land for decades.
- Helicopter landings should also be banned other than in an emergency.
- All these uses destroy the quiet and solitude of the natural environment that many of us seek out. I support all your efforts to provide natural habitat for the fish and wildlife while allowing quiet, non motorized use.
- 0021606-001 I would like to urge the Forest Service to preserve and extend ALL quiet areas for the enjoyment of those who appreciate the quietness of nature. We advocate the use of human power as a means of transportation and are highly offended when the roar and stench of a nearby racing snowmobile is noticed and breaks our peaceful enjoyment of the winter wilderness. . All we want is to experience unaltered nature under our own power. PLEASE KEEP ALL QUIET AREAS QUIET AND EXPAND THIS POLICY TO COVER MORE OF OUR NATIONAL FOREST AREAS'

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- 0021821-001 Please consider that in spite of a few more quiet opportunities in the preferred alternative, Chugach National Forest has a long way to go to give those who enjoy quiet recreation, especially winter recreation, anywhere near a fair share of the recreational resource.
- The Copper River Delta should be wilderness.
- Wilderness Study areas and
 Recommended Wilderness need to be closed to recreational snowmachining.
- Flightseeing by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft can quickly destroy the natural peace and quiet of an area. Please prohibit commercial landing permits in the Forest.
- Jet skis and air boats on the waters of Prince William Sound and the lakes and rivers of Chugach National Forest will also damage the resource of natural quiet unless they are banned. Please consider a ban now on these types of watercraft.
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- 0021826-006 Finally, as a frequent recreational user in the Chugach National Forest, I would like to have the natural 'quiet' restored and maintained.
- 0021840-005 And restore natural quiet Ban Jet Skis, and limit ATV's, snowmachines, and helicopters.
- 0021841-002 . Restore the natural quiet in the forest. Ban jet skis, and limit
 ATV's, helicopters and snowmachines.
- 0021891-003
- Additional any and all efforts to restore natural quiet and the opportunity to enjoy natural sounds in the Forest would be appreciated.

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Additional any and all efforts to restore natural quiet and the opportunity to enjoy natural sounds in the Forest would be appreciated.

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It is especially important that forests retain their natural quiet. Jet skis, ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines should not be allowed.

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5. Ban jet skis to restore natural quiet to the forest area. Consider limiting the use of ATV's, helicopters and snow machines for the same reason.

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There is really nothing set a side for quiet use. Please also consider air traffic noise when giving permits. Most wildernesses on the 'Tangass' are as noisy as the [Illegible] airport. Don't let the 'Chugach' go the same way.

0022055-001

First. I want to commend you for recognizing that natural quiet is an important feature in the forest, both for us humans who recreate quietly and. more importantly, for those creatures who inhabit the forest.

0022056-001

I enjoy peace and quiet when I go into the backcountry and I feel that I have a right, as a Chugach National Forest user, to that experience. Conversely, I do not feel that motorized recreationists have a right to intrude on my experience. I am encouraged, therefore, that the Draft Plan recognizes that natural quiet is a resource that deserves protection.

0022077-002

Certainly you can protect this beautiful area for humans who revere the quietness of the forest without the mayhem of jet skis, airboats, snow machines, as well as motor boating and airplane landings. Should you not ban the off road vehicles, airplanes, and snow machines completely? Surely you can designate closures to motorists and ATVs, and lessen their use in the wilderness in bear habitat.

0022136-001

Our generation may well be the last to be able to choose 'quiet places' to be saved. After this, there may be no choice left.

0022184-005

Restore natural quiet on the forest Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.

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0022200-005

Restore natural quiet on the forest. Jet skis should be banned altogether and there should be limits on ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines that operate in those areas.

0022203-002

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These steps are necessary to protect both the native species and the local people.

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0022211-004

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0022213-002

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0022214-004

Restore natural quiet on the forest.

0022215-004

Restore natural quiet on the forest

0022217-002

Furthermore, the natural quiet of the land must be preserved by banning the use of jet skis, and closely monitoring the use of ATVs, helicopters and snowmobiles.

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- 0022225-007 Please restore natural quiet on the forest Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines
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- 0022229-004 Restore natural quiet on the forest Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0022239-006 Restore the natural quiet of the forest, Ban jet skis and
Limit ATV's helicopters and snowmachines.
- 0022256-003 Please restore quiet to the wilderness by banning motorized vehicles
such as jet skis. ATV's and snowmobiles.
- 0022268-002 Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban Jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0022270-002 Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban Jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0022273-002 Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban Jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0022486-005 I support the quiet winter thrust in the draft plan for twentymile, Lost
Lake, which should be closed much earlier than March 31st [Illegible], Bear
Valley winner Geek and would like to see it expanded.
Yet skies and airboats should be banner and helicopter landing need to be
greatly reduced for wildlife protection (noise stress can be an impairment to
animal survival as well as for human needs.

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0022512-001

I am writing to you concerning the Chugach National Forest Plan Revision and would like you to seriously consider protecting the natural quiet of the Forest environment. As an active participant in the management of the land you know many more details than I do about the potential for conflict between land users.

0022545-001

I am urging you to permanently protect and restore natural quiet and natural sounds throughout the Chugach National Forest.

0022644-002

* Provide a fair and proportionate opportunity for the Quiet majority by restoring natural quiet. Ban jet skis, and limit motorized recreational vehicles include ATV's air boats, helicopters, and snowmachines.

0022694-001

By designating some important areas as 'wilderness', this protects some areas and allows for other, equally important uses such as quiet recreation, ecological preservation & conservation.

Specific areas I would like to see remain 'wilderness' are (1) Kenai River Headwaters (2) The Copper River Delta wetlands (3) The entire wilderness study area. It would be very nice [Illegible] good to Whittier economy to have some easily [Illegible] wilderness for Kayakers from Whittier.

That some areas at least, are being (proposed) considered for quiet recreation.

0022710-003

What specific improvements would you recommend for the Preferred Alternative?

Too many commercial helicopter landings - please reduce areas authorized for landings Less motorized winter use and more areas reserved for, quiet recreation

0022729-001

Must achieve a management balance to allow quiet, wilderness experiences is our public lands.

0022732-001

Flying way above Chugach mountains very frequently (hopefully without noise pollution), I often witness these magnificent structures and wilderness.

0022738-001

Number one - quiet places - get them back.

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0022788-001 This letter is in support of the Chugach National Forest Plan Revision to restore natural quiet in our forest. Please proceed with all plans to reduce unnatural sounds ([Illegible]) so that we and all God's other creatures can enjoy the earth the way it is support to be.

0022823-001 I am one of the cross-country skiers who has been pushed out of areas on the Chugach National Forest because of the noise and danger from snowmachiners. Therefore, I request that you seriously consider providing a fair number of areas for non-motorized winter recreation.

There is no getting around the noise that the modern machines make. The drivers often destroy the peace for miles around. The result is that nowhere, in some valleys, can a person get away from it.

There is no way for snowmachiners and people who want quiet recreation to share a trail or an area. The first reason is due to the long distance snowmachine noise travels, which I already mentioned. The second reason is that some snowmachiners refuse to abide by rules limiting their use of even a tiny fraction of what is out there. Whatever arrangements are made to provide fairly for the competing groups will need to be enforceable.

I support entire areas designated for separation by motorized vs. non-motorized use, to be rotated fairly.

0022947-003 Motorized Vehicles

First, although the problems are minor now, future ones will exist with airboats and jet skis. I believe neither of these loud vehicles should be allowed anywhere within the Forest. Please address this issue now in this Forest Plan, as it will become an issue in the near future.

Please interpret Wilderness under ANILCA as the National Park Service has. In doing so, sport snow machining will not be allowed in Wilderness Areas. I believe that the idea of 'year-swapping' is a great plan to deal with conflicts between backcountry skiers and snow machiners. Please close or timeshare the following areas:

Johnson Pass Trail (North end)
Snow River (South Fork)
Carter/Crescent Lakes
Russian River Trail

These are areas that I ski and require natural quiet, not blaring snow machines. Natural quiet is a natural resource that is disappearing fast! A more balanced plan is need to avoid current and future conflicts of motorized and non-motorized opportunities.

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0022957-001

With this short letter I would like to register my appreciation for the original silence that is the Universal Greeting of all wild and uninhabited forests, valleys and waterways.

Snow mobiles? Helicopters? Jet skis? All fragile and precious life quivers at their approach.

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0022983-001

I am pleased to see several new opportunities for quiet recreation in the preferred alternative of the Forest Plan. Today, the winter landscape of the Chugach is dominated by motorized recreation. In many so-called 'shared' areas, usage is so heavy that many of us skiers and other human-powered users are forced to look elsewhere due to the noise and safety concerns of mixing slow-speed skiers with high-speed snowmobiles.

Unfortunately, there are few 'elsewheres' on the Chugach today where non-motorized recreationists can find relief from machines. The east side of Turnagain Pass, the Resurrection Pass trail (part-time), and Manitoba Mountain offer us small slices of enjoyable recreation. But I'm anxious to explore other areas in quiet and safety. Sure, I can go ski the entire Forest right now, but what's the point of working hard to climb up into the mountains only to be surrounded by dozens of loud snowmobiles, staying on constant alert for high-speed passes, breathing exhaust, and strenuously bouncing up and down on a deeply-moguled trail.

Provide More Quiet Recreation Opportunities.

I recommend that time-share motorized restrictions be put in place in the Lost Lake area, including its approach trails and surrounding ridges; Crescent Lake, its trails, and the ridges around it; the ridges and valleys west of the Seward Highway along the shore of Turnagain Arm; the north end of the Johnson Pass trail; and the Russian Lakes-Cooper Landing-Russian River trail system. Just a month or two every winter in these places would give non-motorized recreationists a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our National Forest in its natural state. And enjoy the 'multi-use' trails our taxes help pay for.

Remove 'Permanent' Bans on Winter Motor Use.

I also recommend that you do away entirely with the idea of 'permanently closed' areas to snow vehicles. There is no reason that people who enjoy motor recreation shouldn't be allowed to enjoy Manitoba Mountain or east side of Turnagain Pass for part of the winter. All restrictions on motorized vehicles should be on a timeshare basis. I'm not looking for some kind of permanent, inviolate wilderness ideal. I just want a fair shot to enjoy more of the mountains for part of the winter in peace.

Be pro-active on regulation of heli-skiing and other technical advances.

Please also pro-actively regulate noisy, for-hire helicopter tours on the Chugach, and coordinate this regulation with other restrictions on motor vehicles. I hope this plan will be able to better anticipate changes in technology and recreation usage patterns that will lead to new user conflicts down the road.

There is certainly enough land near the road system in the Chugach to enact periodic closures of certain areas so that all users get a chance to enjoy the Forest in their own way. Please create more opportunities for quiet recreation than are presented in the draft plan, and make all restrictions on a time-shared basis so that no group gets completely shut out.

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0023023-001

I applaud your efforts to address the issue of engine noise in the back country. As things stand now the balance is preposterously skewed in favor of motorized access. Natural quiet is rapidly becoming rare in Alaska.

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0023144-003 Secondly, ban commercial helicopter landings for heli-skiing, heli-hiking or sightseeing.

0023148-001

Although I strongly support the protection of a variety of areas from various forms of development, I have a particular interest in restoring peace and quiet to the National Forest. These qualities are an essential part of the wilderness experience and are too often ignored.

Consequently, I support your efforts to limit the use of motorized vehicles and to give those who wish to experience quiet some opportunity to do so. At the same time, I believe that the current plan does not go far enough. In addition to the limitations you have placed on snowmachine and ATV use, I suggest that you also close to snowmachines, either with full closures or time-shares, Johnson Pass Trail (north end), Snow River (South Fork), Fresno Ridge, Carter/Crescent lakes, Russian River Trail, Jack Bay, Sawmill Bay, and Marshall Pass. These steps are necessary to begin to give parity to those of us who seek natural quiet in wilderness areas.

0023164-002 In addition, I urge the restoration of natural quiet to the forest, the banning of jet skis, and limitations to the usage of ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.

0023171-001

I would like to tell you how wonderful it is that you have recognized natural quiet as a resource that deserves protection, and that you will be limiting some of the activities that infringe on natural quiet. Jet skis and airboats are incredibly noisy, and should be limited if not banned completely.

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We like hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. We enjoy the wilderness around us in its natural state, that is without the noise and air pollution that comes with motorized vehicles such as snowmobiles, ATV's, jet skis, airboats, but also helicopters and small aircraft for sightseeing, and ultralights.

Just one of these recreational vehicles/air transport blankets a vast terrain and, besides having a negative Impact on the land and its many creatures, limits or takes away my right to enjoy our public lands.

I understand that the Revised Plan proposes to set aside certain areas in the Chugach National Forest for quiet, low-impact enjoyment. I fully support such action especially for all lands designated already as Wilderness.

0023176-001

Please keep snow machining to a minimum! There is a reason it is called a snow machine - it is one! An apparatus with a combustible engine, which usually translates to loud, smelly, and oily; and it pollutes the snow and the air, and is intrusive into the natural order of nature for forest creatures. Litter and waste is often the by-product of those who demand access to desecrate and disturb this necessary winter silence and cover.

0023178-004

Snowmobilers break the silence that many skiers seek.

0023179-001

I am urging you to permanently protect and restore natural quiet and natural sounds throughout the Chugach National Forest.

0023191-002

Personal rejuvenation is impossible when solitude is disturbed by loud noise, so there is a need to ban ATVs, helicopters, and noisy snowmachines and jet skis.

0023207-001

We need natural quiet in the National Forests. There needs to be quiet areas to which people can escape from the constant onslaught of noise.

Please prohibit motorized recreation in the forests' Wilderness study area and recommended wilderness.

0023208-002

Please ensure that these and other areas are safeguarded as precious natural quiet sanctuaries by banning jet skis, ATVs, snow machines and helicopters.

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0026471-005 Restore natural quiet on the forest.

0026502-003 I urge you to maximize the designated wilderness in the Forest and provide a fair opportunity for quiet users to experience this great national asset undisturbed by noise, pollution and damage caused by motorized vehicles.

0026539-001 We need to restore natural quiet and the opportunity to enjoy natural sounds throughout the Forest.

I support the new quiet winter recreation opportunities in the Draft Plan

The following areas should be closed to snowmachines, by timeshare or land allocation (in ADDITION to closures in the Draft Plan):

1. Johnson Pass Trail (north end) (a popular area easily accessible to Anchorage);
2. Snow River (South Fork) (one of the most desirable areas for Seward residents);
3. Fresno Ridge; Carter/Crescent Lakes; Russian River Trail;
4. Jack Bay and
5. Sawmill Bay;

Jet skis and airboats should be banned in the Chugach. These craft are exceptionally noisy, and for most purposes other motorized (or non-motorized) watercraft can be used instead.

Prohibit or greatly reduce commercial helicopter landings to protect residents, other forest users, wildlife, and the opportunity for future Wilderness designations. Helicopter noise is especially annoying to most people and wildlife; landings already occur on state lands, which can provide an alternative location where appropriate; a relatively small number of people can afford the flights, but they can adversely affect large numbers of Alaskans and visitors as well as wildlife; and the dramatic, poorly managed growth of their use both in Alaska and Outside should be a sufficient warning that we need to control them NOW.

Ensure special designations for wild Rivers THROUGHOUT the Chugach National Forest. The outstanding qualities of the rivers and streams in our northernmost national forest would unquestionably be recommended for special designation if they were in the Lower 48.

0026580-004

I support the restrictions on motorized recreation in the preferred plan. Alaska is woefully behind the rest of the country in recognizing the desire of a large segment of the public to experience wild areas as they are naturally, with no noise from motors.

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- 0026582-003 We must also keep the forest quiet and unpolluted by exhaust fumes from motorized vehicles, except for subsistence and travel to and from villages and homesites.
- 0026584-002 There is an infrastructure in place on the Resurrection Trail that should not be swayed in favor of longer season for snowmachines. I am personally in favor of more QUIET AREAS and QUIET SEASONS.
- 0026585-004 I am personally
in favor of more QUIET AREAS and QUIET SEASONS.
- 0026705-005 Please prohibit or reduce helicopter landings in the Chugach. The noise is annoying to both humans and animals. They need to be controlled now.

I support the new quiet winter recreation opportunities in the draft plan.
- 0026728-007 Noise, gas and oil fumes are very detrimental to all animals, plants and humans in the Forest.
- 0026733-001 Chugach National Forest,

As an 18 year Alaska resident, I hope that you will listen to the public and restore natural quiet to the pristine areas of the Chugach. Currently only one tenth of one percent of the forest is closed to snow machining. Is it too much to ask for a few areas where skiers and snowshoers can enjoy a quiet day in the back country?
- 0026752-001 I wish to emphasize one part of this letter in particular and that is the need to 'RESTORE NATURAL QUIET TO THE FOREST.' . PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY THIS MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE. Quiet should be the resource we protect.
- 0026754-003 I currently support Reduced Noise prescriptions in the Chugach;

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0026762-006 Also of growing concern for the Chugach National Forest (and everywhere) is noise. Ubiquitous noise, from land, air, and sea. it is not just a mere annoyance (and often crazy-making) to humans, but impacts the patterns of fish and wildlife in ways that we are not able to understand yet, thus affecting humans (in ways we are not able to understand, yet). I appreciate, most, the places in the Chugach that are not infected with motorized noise; where I can hear wilderness. Prohibit or greatly reduce commercial helicopter landings to protect residents, other forest users, wildlife, and the opportunity for future Wilderness designations. Limit ATV use to a few designated roads or trails. There are many areas to close or timeshare for snowmachines. Please especially work to keep jetskis and airboats well away from the Forest management area. Someone's recreation should not be anyone else's craziness or a habitat's demise.

0026767-001

Basically I want to see quiet places for non-motorized recreation in the forest free from man made noise.

While the plan closes some areas from snowmachines I would like to see these areas added: Johnson Pass Trail (north end); Snow River (South Fork); Fresno Ridge; Carter/Crescent Lakes; Russian River Trail; Jack Bay and Sawmill Bay. Jet skis and airboats should not be allowed in the Chugach. Other quieter means for water travel are more appropriate.

Helicopter use should be curtailed, they are noisy, disruptive to people and wildlife, they are affordable to only a few. Please limit commercial use, flight seeing, and landing sites.

0026775-004 Finally, back country helicopter landings must be significantly decreased. They harm so much and benefit so few. Why do all of the above and then let helicopters roar overhead, scare the wildlife, pollute the air, and generally tick off most back country users. Jet skis/jet boats also should not have any place in the plan except under a permanent ban section.

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0026782-001 We need to restore natural quiet and the opportunity to enjoy natural sounds throughout the Forest.

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0026826-001 Please keep it quiet!

0026837-001 .

Snowmobile and 4-wheeler users apparently don't understand that their disruption of peace and quiet in the outdoors ruins the experience for everyone else. Most non-motorized users, myself included, do not want to 'share' the noise and pollution of these ecologically disastrous gas guzzlers.

0026844-001 I am strongly in favor of as much noise free and non-motorized areas as possible.

0026878-003 WE NEED MORE QUIET RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Ban jet skis, Limit ATV's, Helicopters, and snowmachines.

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- 0026891-004 Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0026906-002 Please restore natural quiet on the forest.
- 0026922-006 Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0026947-004 Please do not allow noisy motorized vehicles into the only refuge that we and the animals have left for solitude and quiet.
- 0026955-007 Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0026961-003 Please also consider the ban of jet skis in PWS and restore the natural quiet in forest areas. Ban or limit ATV's, helicopters and the use of snowmachines.
- 0026966-004 Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0026968-002 Furthermore, please consider banning the use of ORVs and ATVs from these areas in order to restore these lands to their pristine quietude. As a backpacker, I am disturbed by these ORVs and ATVs, as they truly take away from others' wilderness experience.
- 0026982-001 I am urging you to permanently protect and restore natural quiet and natural sounds throughout the Chugach National Forest.

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- 0026983-001 I am urging you to permanently protect and restore natural quiet and natural sounds throughout the Chugach National Forest.
- 0027037-005 Highmarking in Turnagain Pass has got to stop. Highmarking is the most significant source of noise/air pollution and adversely affects Nordic users, not to mention it's inherent recklessness and endangerment to others. This reckless activity is not a traditional use so please do not let it cause more deaths, continue to displace families, and destroy the entire winter playground which has worked for so long for so many.
- 0027074-001 In formulating your draft Chugach Forest Plan, please honor the value of natural quiet.
- 0027151-001 Please allow the Chugach National Forest wilderness to remain wild, peaceful and without the constant drone of man's motorized domination of the planet.
- 0027213-003 I appreciate and support the recognition of natural quiet as a resource, responsible management of summer ATV'S & the new Developed Recreation/Reduced Noise.
- 0027287-004 NATURAL QUIET. I appreciate and support the recognition of natural quiet as a resource, responsible management of summer ATV'S & the new Developed Recreation/Reduced Noise.
- 0027407-002 I appreciate and support the recognition of natural quiet as a resource, responsible management of summer ATV's & the new Developed Recreation/Reduced Noise. Regarding the winter recreation opportunities,
- 0027615-004 Noise must be recognized as a pollutant.
- 0027620-001 I am pleased that you have recognized the need to designate quiet recreation activities and areas in your proposed management plan.

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0027621-001

I am writing in regards to the Chugach National Forest Plan. The draft plan is a good start, and I appreciate the Forest Service's effort to consider the needs of many people like myself who use the forest for quiet recreational activities such as cross-country skiing, back country skiing, hiking, bird watching, kayaking, and nature photography. I applaud and fully support the Forest Service's 'quiet winter recreation activities.'

I am especially pleased that the forest service is listening to concerns that certain areas of the Chugach need to be protected from the disruption of motorized vehicles. Not only can motorized vehicles cause erosion and scare wildlife, the noise is very distracting when a person is attempting to have a 'wilderness experience. I support keeping snowmachines out of areas such as Twentymile, Lost Lake (it should be closed to snowmachines earlier), Seattle Creek, Winner Creek, Bear Valley, and Skookum Glacier. Further, I support keeping the following areas closed to snowmachines as much as possible: Johnson Pass Trail, South Fork of Snow River, Fresno Ridge, Crescent Lake & Carter Lake areas, and the Russian River Trail. While I do not live near Valdez, I have spent time there, and I support the keeping Jack Bay, Sawmill Bay, and Marshall Pass closed to snowmachines too. The aforementioned areas are spectacular places that one can enjoy spending time in, if they are quiet!

Alaskans enjoy recreating in the Chugach in many different ways. I urge the Forest Service to limit the use of motorized vehicles like snowmachines to designated areas so that the rest of us can enjoy our non-disruptive uses of the forest.

Finally, I urge the Forest Service to BAN the use of jet skis and airboats in the Chugach National Forest. Jet skis are so much louder than other types of motorized vehicles and so much more annoying, that they should not be allowed in the National Forest areas.

0027626-001

Re: Quiet areas

In revising the Plan, please consider reasonable designations of non-motor areas.

The psychological effect of motors on people cannot be quantified. I believe nonetheless that we need quiet areas to nourish the human spirit.

0027705-001

I would like to see motorized use of Chugach National Forest restricted. I am a 33+ years resident of Alaska and cherish what is left of the few quiet areas left within the state. Since we live under 'Democratic' rule, I think the area open to snowmachines et al should be restricted to the percentage of all Alaskans who own machines., i.e. if 1 in 25 people own an ATV or snowmachine then they should get a 1/25 slice of C. N. F.

0027712-007

From the Comment Book at the Front Desk, Seward, AK

Mark Luttrell, Seward - Open some place to quiet sports only.

Comment # Comment

0027726-004 I support the existing quiet recreation and hope you would expand these areas.

0027742-001 First and foremost, I wholeheartedly encourage all efforts to provide for quiet recreation in the forest, and urge you to give this kind of use a high priority.

I support your efforts to provide for non-motorized winter recreation areas by closures to mechanized transport. I support your existing fully closed areas (e.g., Manitoba, east side of Turnagain pass) and encourage you to continue to use that tool where warranted, I support your proposed timeshare closures, although I think Lost Lake should be closed February 15 rather than March 31.

I would urge you to close all of the Chugach National Forest to personal watercraft and airboats. I would like to see areas of Prince William Sound closed to personal watercraft, having been harassed by them while kayaking. Nesting birds and their protective vegetation should be a particular consideration when evaluating the impacts of these watercraft, in terms of physical impacts.

I urge you to keep limits on both the number and geographic extent of helicopter tours in the Chugach.

0028304-004 Motorized Recreation

Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and severely limit ATV, helicopter, and snowmachine use.

0028372-001

I support the quiet winter recreation areas in the Draft Forest Plan:

Lost Lake Winner Creek
Seattle Creek Bear Valley
Skookum Glacier Twentymile Valley

I also urge you to designate more areas for quiet winter recreation and quiet habitat, I would rather these areas be closed to snowmachines by land designation rather than by timeshare. Specifically, I urge you to close to snowmachines:

Johnson Pass Trail (I ski the north end),
Fresno Ridge
Crescent Lake (I ski this from both ends)
Russian River Trail
Carter Lake
Snow River (South Fork I'll ski from Seward)
Jack Bay
Marshall Pass
Sawmill Bay

In addition, I urge you to prohibit commercial helicopter landings on the Chugach to protect residents, forest users, wildlife and, most importantly, future Wilderness designations,

I also ask the Forest Service to ban personal watercraft and airboats on the waters of the Chugach. I also ask you to limit ATV use to a few designated trails or roads.

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- 0028378-001 natural quiet is a forest resource value that needs recognition and deserves protection. It is important that natural quiet as a resource value be ranked on the same list as other recognized values, both tangible and intangible, because natural quiet is often the first to be compromised when visitor development, commercial exploitation, or motorized recreation plans are put in place. Yet it is one of the principal reasons why many people visit public lands in the first place.
- 0028381-002 The 'Quiet' Area Concept
- I find the concept of designated quiet areas absurd. Alaska has plenty of land available that is quiet. However, these lands aren't close to Anchorage or to the road. Alaska does not have an extensive road system. Because of this, most outdoor recreation is concentrated close to the existing road system where there is good access. Areas such as Turnagain Pass, Thompson Pass, Portage Valley, and the Valdez area are all heavily used because the road provides access. Roads mean noise. Commercial airline traffic over Turnagain Arm, Valdez, and parts of western Prince William Sound makes noise. Will quiet zones ban commercial air traffic? I don't think so. Private aircraft flying over Portage Pass make noise. Helicopters, both commercial. Coast Guard, and rescue, all make noise.
- I think that designating a management area as 'quiet' is ridiculous. Proponents of quiet areas seem to be using this 'quiet' designation as a tool to eliminate snowmachine use and force the heli-ski companies out of business. I disagree and feel that these activities are just as legitimate as hiking, backcountry skiing, and all other forms of non-motorized activity.
- I am strongly opposed to quiet designations in any part of the Chugach National Forest.
- 0028542-006 Helicopter landings. Prohibit or greatly reduce commercial helicopter landings to protect residents, other forest users, wildlife, and the opportunity for future Wilderness designations Helicopter noise is annoying to most people, landings already occur on state lands (which can provide an alternative location where appropriate) If they cannot be reduced in number then we need to look at reduction in hours of use!
- 0028559-001
- We believe the forests should be preserved in the most pristine and quiet manner possible - NO SNOWMACHINES/ATV.
- We hope to see NO MINING MOTORIZED VEHICLES HELITOURS OR BUILDING in this new forest plan.
- PLEASE make a sensible balance of 50 for peace and quiet in undisturbed areas.
- 0028578-001 I strongly support the provisions that restrict some of this intrusive noise. Please make the whole plan fairer by balancing the impact of these groups, so there are more opportunities for non-motorized sports and less noise. I urge more, not less separate trails and times for non-motorized recreation.
- 0028587-002 Our forest needs maximum protection and we need to restore natural quiet.
- I have hiked in the forest and would appreciate your limiting jet skies, controlling snowmobiles and helicopters and declaring as much as possible as wilderness.

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0028589-003 I ask that the following be included in the final Chugach National Forest Plan.

5. Restrict the use of jet skis, ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines within the Chugach Forest Please restore the natural quiet to the Forest.

0029041-005 Areas set aside for natural quiet continued collaborative efforts with the public.

0029042-001

The time is now to curb (noise oil spills, air etc.) pollution of our beautiful land

0029125-002 These steps are necessary to begin to give parity to those of us who seek natural quiet in wilderness areas.

0029131-002

We must also keep the forest quiet and unpolluted by exhaust fumes from motorized vehicles, except for subsistence and travel to and from villages and homesites.

0029252-001

I have read and agree with this sample letter so I will attach my name to it. I wish to emphasize one part of this letter in particular and that is the need to 'RESTORE NATURAL QUIET TO THE FOREST.' I kayak, use a motor boat, ski, snowshoe, and snow machine and recognize the viability of all these recreational activities but the one outstanding feature that Alaska has to offer is the QUIET of its mountains and valleys. PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY THIS MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE. Quiet should be the resource we protect.

0029254-001

We need to restore natural quiet and the opportunity to enjoy natural sounds throughout the Forest.

I support the new quiet winter recreation opportunities in the Draft Plan

0029310-001

My husband and I are both skiers, kayakers, hikers and enjoy the wilderness in a quiet nonmotorized state. So we support any increased access to recreation that is without motorized access.

0029416-001

Natural quiet and the opportunity to hear and enjoy natural sounds are fast disappearing from our public lands nationwide. I urge you to begin to restore these precious values to the Chugach National Forest.

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0029418-001

I support expansion of 'quiet zones' in the areas around Anchorage.

0029438-001

I am totally in support of NATURAL QUIET in the Chugach Nat'l Forest and all provisions in the plan which reduce, restrict, and/or prohibit motorized activity in the forest. I realize that total prohibition of motor noise is not possible until we run out of gas and oil on the planet, but I would really appreciate everything you can do to provide us with opportunities to enjoy the wilds without the harassment of motor noises.

I have wandered on foot and skis and by canoe and kayak in various parts of the Chugach Forest in the 19 and a half years I have lived in Anchorage, and I intend to explore again the areas I've been to and as much more of it as I can in the years to come. I love these wild places.

For the motor noise and air pollution are akin to construction and traffic noises, garbage dump and cigarette stink, etc.; these motor noises and stinks destroy the wild adventure we go to the wild country to experience.

So please build into the plan as much quiet as possible.

0034779-001

I support and appreciate existing provisions in the Draft Plan that would help restore natural quiet and make recreational management fairer and more balanced.

0034783-001

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0034792-001

I hereby submit comments on the Chugach National Forest Plan revision that you are currently completing. Overall your draft is a wonderful start, but does not go far enough for those of us who want peace and quiet in a natural setting.

0034795-001

I support the provision of quiet places in forest and park areas.

0034846-001

What legal authority does the forest plan use to create quiet areas. If it's a Forest Supervisor Order which C.F.R. does the Forest Supervisor plan to use. Is there any other forest that has ever created quiet areas this way?

0034856-001

First and foremost, I wholeheartedly encourage all efforts to provide for quiet recreation in the forest, and urge you to give this kind of use a high priority.

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0034912-002 And there is also the issue of quiet rights. Everyone has the right to a quiet experience, but not when that compromises the rights of others.

0034918-005
I support your efforts to keep certain areas 'Quiet!' I encourage you keep the proposed quiet areas and resist efforts to open more areas to winterized, and summer, motorized use.

0034929-001
Natural quiet and the opportunity to hear and enjoy natural sounds are fast disappearing from our public lands nationwide. We urge you to begin to restore these precious values to the Chugach National Forest.

0035547-007

RESTORE NATURAL QUIET TO THE FOREST. Natural quiet, and the opportunity to hear and enjoy natural sounds, although once taken for granted, is a vanishing resource; its loss disturbs me a great deal. I appreciate and support the many proposals in the Draft Plan to help restore natural quiet to the Chugach, such as: the plan's explicit recognition of natural quiet as a resource that needs to be protected; your continued generally responsible management of summer ATV's and the new Developed Recreation/Reduced Noise prescription (which should be placed in more areas across the forest). Regarding the winter recreation opportunities, I support the creative time-share for the Twentymile (odd year snowmachining, even year no snowmachining), and proposals like the ones for Lost Lake (except that the split season closure, rather than beginning so late (March 31), should begin on February 15, as it does now on the Resurrection Pass Trail), Winner Creek, Seattle Creek, Bear Valley, and Skookum Glacier.

But in addition, in order to establish a management scheme that is truly fair and balanced, I suggest that you also close to snowmachines, either with full closures or time-shares, Johnson Pass Trail (north end), Snow River (South Fork), Fresno Ridge, Carter/Crescent lakes, Russian River Trail, Jack Bay, Sawmill Bay, and Marshall Pass (the last three would provide quiet opportunities for Valdez residents). In addition, it is very disturbing to see so many areas authorized for helicopter landings in the plan (subject to permit). Helicopter overflights and landings, as well as small plane flightseeing, have gotten way out of hand not only in other parts of the country, but in several locations in Alaska as well. These areas should be greatly reduced in the final plan. Finally, jet skis and airboats are exceptionally annoying, and for most purposes there are alternative types of watercraft, both motorized and non-motorized, that could be used. Jet skis and airboats should not be allowed in the Forest.

0035564-003 I support the existing quiet recreation and you would expand these areas.

0035628-001
It seems that a very loud but small minority of people in Alaska, representing the non-motorized groups like 'Quiet Rights', and brandishing completely unfounded and bogus statistics, and getting known by Forest Service personnel on a first name basis, have been getting their way for many years now.

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0035946-001

Please help keep
Alaska quiet!

0035947-006

The heavy emphasis on motorized use in the Preferred Alternative is unfair to non-motorized users. The presence of jet skis, snowmobiles and other ORVs in pristine areas denies paddlers, hikers, wildlife watchers, photographers, cross-country skiers and others the ability to enjoy these wild resources. The noise from these vehicles can carry far and intrude on other users that are miles away.

0036072-001

Basically I want to see quiet places for non-motorized recreation in the forest free from man made noise.

0036181-001

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My wife and I firmly believe that the single most significant aspect of this area that attracted us here and keeps us here is its unparalleled access to true, noiseless, unspoiled 4 seasons wilderness. We are among the minority of folks up here who prefer foot access camping in winter above that offered in summer because of the solitude and challenges it offers. This has been curtailed to a comparatively small number of areas within the Chugach forest that are both avalanche safe AND snowmobile free. Quiet is critical to the forest habitat and those who enter it. Noise of the magnitude a 2 cycle engine produces even at idle is a form of intrusion no different from toxic dumping, irresponsible logging, or carefree littering.

0036241-001

My main concern is to preserve and protect 'quiet' areas within the Chugach Forest. I applaud the team's willingness to address the importance of quiet recreational pursuits and the need for these activities to have primacy in some areas of the forest. I like the fact that the Turnagain Pass area has, for example, for many years, separated snowmachining areas from skiing areas. I hope the Chugach Plan will continue to provide areas where snowmachining, ATV's, and jetskis are restricted. Quiet hiking trails, ski areas and canoe and kayak waterways are essential to the protection of area wildlife and for the experience of wilderness.

Also, increasingly, over the past five years, while sea kayaking and viewing wildlife. I have encountered tourboats with loudspeakers. I hope the plan can curtail these tourboats with loudspeakers, particularly in Prince William Sound. Sure this is as disturbing to wildlife as it is to humans.

0036263-001

I have noticed in the past 5 years or so that it has become increasingly hard to avoid the annoyance of snow machines. As they become more powerful I find them more often at my heels, on ever-steeper slopes. I really go into the backcountry for peace and quiet, but now the open spaces are not as peaceful or quiet as they used to be. I feel that the snowmachine community already has adequate places in the backcountry to go without allowing them to turn it all into a noisy maze of exhaust-choked motorways.

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0036306-001 :

I am writing in regards to the revisions being made to the usage of the national forest areas. I am a quiet sport-person and enjoy the solitude and beauty our Alaska wilderness has to offer. With the growth of the snow machine population I have true concerns on noise pollution, safety of skiers and most importantly the disruption to the wildlife in the area.

0036319-005

When I have, one on one, conversations with most of these so called 'Quiet Sport Backcountry Users', I find that most haven't or don't actually use the back country in their so called 'Quiet Sport'. Most of them just want others out. The few real back country 'telemark skiers' and 'expedition type cross country skiers' I have talked to don't seem to be the ones that are screaming in the Press or along the highways. The real backcountry user generally has a 'we all NEED each other attitude' and a general spirit of co-operation. Most experienced back country users KNOW that the best plans, the best equipment, the best skills, and the best of everything else can still deteriorate to a life and death situation in seconds. They KNOW that many times their only hope of survival is TEAM CO-OPERATION, regardless of how the team got there! This challenge is the reason most of us partake of the back country experience, regardless of our mode of transportation or type of use. Most users use both motorized modes of transportation as well as non-motorized 'quiet' modes inter-mingled. We are all users and should not be discriminated against because of our choice of transportation.

0036573-002

Protection of natural quiet is an important wilderness value.