

SAR - FP - Interests - Non-motorized Access

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And continue to monitor & discourage snowmobiles and other vehicles in National Forests.

0020905-002

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2) I think the ski-train areas should be closed to helicopter, snowmachine, and ATV traffic.

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3) I would especially like non-motorized designations for the Crescent/Carter Lake area.

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4) If sharing of areas is necessary, then don't do it like the ski/snowmachine line dividing Turnagain Pass, because when I'm skiing Tin Can Mtn. not only can I hear snowmachines from way up there, but I can smell them too. Who needs that?

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) In my opinion the Seward Ranger District needs not more developed ski trails but rather fewer motorized vehicle areas.

0020991-002

We also feel the Portage Valley should be closed to snowmachines from the Forest Service sign to the Portage Glacier,

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Years of visiting our national parks and forest area have shown me that one of the greatest threats to the health of these resources, outside of oil-drilling, mining, and lumbering, are those noisy, destructive 'off-road, vehicles', especially destructive snowmobiles.

These horrible air-and'ground-and'sound polluters are an obvious threat to human and wildlife existence.

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0021364-001

Please work toward the maximum possible protection of the Chugach, Snowmobiles do not fit in with wilderness - they are noisy polluting, harmful to wildlife.

0021532-002

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.

0021563-001

The Chugach National Forest Open House was advertised in the Revision newsletter as just that, an open house. The newsletter states that the purpose of the open house is to 'help the public learn more about the proposed revised plan'. Nowhere did it suggest that a hearing would be held.

The Anchorage members and supporters of the Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition expected to drop by if they had questions after studying the preferred alternative.

On Oct. 30, just after 6pm we went by the open house to find that a hearing was in progress and that the room was filled with snowmachine enthusiasts who evidently knew that a hearing was planned. The voice of quiet has been silenced by a change in format, known only to those with motorized interests. Even though the hearing is not being recorded, the impression is given and will be quoted that the great majority of Anchorage residents are interested in motorized access to the Chugach National Forest.

I wish to protest this sudden and unannounced (to quiet or green interests) change in format.

Elizabeth Hatton, Secretary, Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition

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0021604-002

Secondly, close by land allocation or timeshare (in addition to closures in the Draft Plan) the north end of Johnson Pass, Lost Lake, the South Fork Snow River, Fresno Mountain, the area behind Summit Lake Lodge, Carter Lake, and Jack Bay. In addition, an outright ban on jet skis is imperative.

0021611-001

I comment that the monies you have for the trail system's be partially used to build trails designated only for the cross country skier. Let them maintain their own trail like the snowmachiner's do. Give them an area just as beautiful and panoramic as what the snowmachiner's see. Maybe these cross country skier's should form their own club and work on some of these other trails where no one else goes. Or widen the trails as what was suggested at the meeting, which would be used by both.

0021620-003

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.

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- 0021799-001 Saw Mill & Jack Bays should be non motorized in winter wilderness protection for SE Copper River Delta & Knight Island keep the east side of the Delta wild.
- 0021964-001 In closing, I urge you to delete or otherwise remove the horse use restrictions from the new Forest Plan Revision.
- Please consider the valid points expressed in this letter, and after having done so, allow me the opportunity to meet with you to discuss its content and other relevant topics. I will make myself available at the earliest possible date.
- 0022007-001 There are better ways to enjoy the [Illegible] (no motorized vehicles).
- 0022120-001 I would like to comment on the Chugach national forest plan revision. I greatly enjoy the quiet of the forests and the natural sounds that abound there. Motorized recreation in wilderness areas should not be allowed. Helicopters are noisy and should be restricted to certain areas only (or not allowed). ATV's ruin the forests and scare away game. Let this have no place in a wilderness area at all - wild fowl is damaged and run off nests are disturbed and loons leave forever.
- 0022122-001 Please take into consideration that the CNF covers all usable land and water in the PWS area and the mountain terrain of most of it keeps motorized use to a minimum naturally. We need several areas open so as not to shove us into one area and real damage occurring and it being shut down by the district ranger. I am not asking for every area that is open and level enough for off road use but there are already a few trail systems on the 3 big islands. These trails are there already and there are still 99% of the forest available to the quiet sports people. The final decision on this matter will affect all of us that have used the forest for many years probably for the rest of our lives.

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Although my family of 3 own 4 snowmachines, I think machines need restrictions. Helicopter especially need serious control.

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0022211-003

Use logging only to protect the safety of communities. Do not use the spruce bark beetle as an excuse for more logging in wild unroaded areas.

0022214-005

Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.

0022215-005

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0022220-004

NO jetskis, and tight restrictions on
ATVs, helicopters and snowmachines.

0022263-005

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

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1. Prohibit motorized recreation in the was and recommended wilderness.
2. Close to snowmachines, by timeshare or land allocation Johnson pass (north end) Lost lake, Snow river (south fork) Fresno Mt. The slope behind summit lake lodge, Carter Lake, Jack bay, and marshal pass.

0022486-001

I feel strongly that ATV's should be banned entirely from the forest.

I would like to see snowmachines closures to Carter & crescent Lakes, Fresno Ridge, Russian river trail, I Snow River and Johnson Pass trail, If time shave is to continue on Resurrection trail (between hope & Cooper Landing) snow machine time should be cut back.

0022488-006

I recommend a ban on jet skis and ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines. I would like the USFS to prohibit any future commercial helicopter operations, including heli-skiing and ski competitions.

0022493-001

Please limit jet skis and helicopter skiing in Chugach Forest, particularly in potential wilderness designation.

Close the following areas & snowmachines. Johnson Pass trail, Carter and Crescent lake near the rental claims and their ski trails.

Please continue continue to limit ATVs to a few designated roads.

0022495-001

Please PROHIBIT motorized recreation in the Wilderness Study Area and recommended Wilderness.

Please CLOSE to snowmachines, by timeshare or land allocation (in ADDITION to closures in the Draft Plan): Johnson Pass (north end), Lost Lake (balanced timeshare), Snow River (South Fork), Fresno Ridge, slope behind Summit Lake Lodge, Carter/Crescent Lakes, Russian River Trail, Marshall Pass, Sawmill Bay, and Jack Bay

Please PROHIBIT or greatly reduce commercial helicopter landings

Please LIMIT ATV use to a few designated trails.

Please BAN jet skis.

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- 0022545-002 In addition, I urge you to:
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- BAN jet skis and airboats and eliminate both their noise and pollution.
- LIMIT ATV use to a few designated trails. Summer ATV use destroys soils, vegetation, and scenic landscapes.
- BAN or greatly reduce commercial helicopter landings to protect residents, other forest users, wildlife, and the opportunity for future Wilderness designation.
- PROHIBIT motorized recreation in the forest's Wilderness Study Area and recommended Wilderness.
- 0022776-001 I strongly urge you to prohibit all motorized recreation wilderness study way that you ban jet skis and confine ATV's to a few designated, stop all commercial helicopter activity.
- 0022788-002 Please prohibit motorized recreation. Harassing wildlife and human with apsoline engines is not polite, please close hiking and dog sled trails to snow machines and ATV use. Health and safety, as well as aesthetic, should be protected.
- I strongly support the ban on jet skis and airboat, Having visited coastal areas in other states which have allowed jet skis and airboat to damage their wilderness areas, I realize how we should protect our precious Alaska wild areas. I want my grandchildren to benefit from quiet places and pristine areas. As a member of the Center for Alaska Coastal studies, I realize the fragile nature of our tide - pools and estuaries. Airboat and jet skis do not have a place in Alaska
- 0022823-002 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. We cannot share areas because most of us do not share the same values in our reasons for recreation. Therefore, I request that you seriously consider providing a fair number of areas for non-motorized winter recreation.
- I support entire areas designated for separation by motorized vs. non-motorized use, to be rotated fairly. Snowmachines have their place and do perform important functions in the Winter environment.
- 0022945-001 I am writing to express my opinion concerning the Chugach National Forest Plan Revision. Motorized activities should be kept to a minimum. These machines make pollution - noise and air (plus they contribute to global warming) This should particularly apply to wilderness study areas.
- In some areas time share may be appropriate for snow machines. ATV's should have to stick to trails - no exceptions. Jet skis are a nuisance - they should be banned. I also support protecting the Copper River Delta as much as possible and limiting helicopter landings.

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We would hope that motorized activities, heli-skiing, and proposed resorts do no jeopardize the wild character of these lands.

0022981-003

My experience with motorized RECREATIONAL vehicles is that they invade other peoples property and what they don't trash, they steal. They terrorize the area with their noise, trample and destroy vegetation and enjoy running game to death. They are arrogant, unruly, aggressive, rude, intrusive and unaware. Never, never to be allowed in Wilderness Areas.

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Although there are many snowmachiners who drive in a responsible way, it does not take many to endanger the lives of all who use the trails.

I do feel threatened when I am on a trail and I hear snowmachines coming. The drivers are usually going too fast to stop if they came around a curve and I could not get out of the way. They are too often driven by children who, like some of the adults, do not anticipate anyone else on the trail.

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. I used to go to Lost Lake and Crescent Lake in the Seward, Moose Pass area. I have not been there in years because the noise and the danger from speeding snowmachiners have destroyed the qualities I seek.

I do not need or want snowmachines to break a trail for me. Skiers have not had any problem getting to Manitoba Mountain in the Summit Lake area, where snowmachines had previously been prohibited. Snowmachines can damage a good ski trail. That is why a groomed trail is not just a snowmachine track. Now that snowmachiners are creeping up onto Manitoba Mountain, skiers' chance to enjoy the area is gone.

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.

For that reason, and because snowmachiners' favorite areas may also be skiers' favorites, I support entire areas designated for separation by motorized vs. non-motorized use, to be rotated fairly. Snowmachines have their place and do perform important functions in the Winter environment. It is their misuse that has brought us to this unpleasant cross-road.

0023022-004 and ban Jet skis, snowmobiles and
ATV's.

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- 0023023-002 , I implore you to do everything possible to redress the imbalance between motorized / non-motorized use. Engines should be prohibit in wilderness legislated areas.
- The quiet winter rec areas in the draft plan are a good step in the right direction, the north end of the Johnson Pass trail would be another good area in which to restore quiet by closing to snowmobile use.
- Helicopters are a plague in AK - please vaccinate as many areas as possible, Airboat are incredibly loud, and jet skies (while fun) get my vote for the worst overall technology of the last decade 1/2 or so.
- 0023029-002 Roads are the single most threatening future for the Chugach. Helicopters and ATV's are second. I ask the forest planners (I am a planner, too) to avoid all road building and helicopter resorts. Wildlife is your most important resource, not loggers and such tourists.
- 0023040-001
- This letter is in opposition to opening access to the Chugach national forest to off road vehicles.
- 0023080-001
- Please make sure in your place for the Chugach National Forest that motorized activities and resorts do not jeopardize the wild character of this area.
- 0023086-001
- My husband and I hope you retain a portion of the forest for non-motorized winter recreation such as cross country skiing and snow shoeing. There needs to be several areas on the Kenai Peninsula where a person can go for a quiet peaceful back country winter experience on the Chugach forest. Adequate parking areas to allow access to these areas for winter activity should also be kept in the plan.

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0023150-001

Please consider my comments on the proposed plan for areas to be closed and/or limited to snowmobile use. I am behind this 100%. I have been skiing the back country & trails here for over 20 years. My run-ins & frustrations with snowmachines continue to increase. There are many points, I mention only a few.

1. Environmental impact:

Pollution, 2 cycle engines pump out pollution & even hours after they've left an area, with no wind, the fumes hang in the area. Not what other backcountry users are there for. The fumes they leave behind are noxious to other users, not to mention the impact of the noise and damage to vegetation.

2. Access:

There is a growing interest in back county skiing, snow shoeing, snow boarding and yet there are few areas set aside for this use. This is a major problem, these few 'safe' areas are getting over used & to my dismay are often unusable due to snowmachines that have trespassed a closed area only to leave frozen ruts & ridges that make it useless to other users.

3. Enforcement: Licensing & VISIBLE identification is a must. An anonymous rider in full helmet & snowsuit on a machine that looks like 500 others can be very aggressive & intimidating-yes, they can be-but they aren't identifiable. They can run you off a trail, intimidate you or violate closed areas like Manitoba because they can't be identified.

4. Safety:

Snowmachines & those on foot, be it skis, snow washer, hikers, don't mix. Tracks, ruts and ridges left by machines make trails & slopes unusable, unsafe for other users. The obvious conflict, is the noise, fumes & activity of a machine a complete opposite of those seeking the quiet of the backcountry. You're on a slope, ready to ski down & a group of machines race past you & start high marking above you-not a safe or fun day.

5. Closing a few more slopes & trails to snowmobiles makes sense. Skiers for example, must skin up & hike, climb for an hour to hours, just to get in a run or two of skiing. A snowmobile can cover miles in minutes & get to areas a skier or snow shore can never see in a day because of time & effort.

Snowmachines need their place, but others need a few safe places & they don't mix.

0023178-003

Prohibit jetskis, airboats and hovercraft, all of which are very noisy, polluting, and capable of getting into shallows used by breeding birds. Strictly limit permits for commercial helicopter landings. Before issuing permits, have a well-publicized public process, and consider impacts on both wildlife and humans. Create Habitat. Control Areas: Match areas where motorized uses are allowed with areas of comparable habitat where motorized uses are prohibited.

0026354-002

Please be prudent in your actions and consider the welfare of this area and the habitat of innocent beings
Please ban the use of snowmobile jet skis and snow machines as well These are unnecessary intrusions into the environment

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- 0026470-005 Please ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines with forest boundaries.
- 0026471-006 Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.
- 0026502-002 I must be further protected now from encroachments and damage by off-road-vehicles and swarms of snow machines that are increasing in this state.
- 0026503-002 These areas and others should also provide a balance of recreation uses and especially allow and encourage non motorized recreation.
- 0026505-002 Please consider the Copper River Delta, Resurrection Creek, Twentymile, Snow River, Knight and Montague Islands, and similar areas for protection against any type of motorized vehicle activities. Let folks backpack or x-country ski into them, but please, no motors!
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- 0026516-001
- In order to keep nature pristine, motorized vehicles also have to be kept out of designated areas. It is important that we preserve many such places for the enjoyment of those who wish to do muscle-powered sports. For anyone who utilizes the National Parks in Alaska, it is obvious how much motorized vehicles detract from the enjoyment of nature.
- 0026525-002 The Chugach National Forest is a national treasure. I ask that the Forest Service include it in the National Preservation System. Keep all motorized activities - ATV's, snowmobiles, etc. - out of this pristine preserve.
- 0026527-001 Please do not jeopardize the wild character of these lands by allowing motorized activity in sensitive and vital areas. Please include these areas in the National wilderness Preservation System.

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0026537-002 Elimination of activities such as heliskiing, snowmobiling, and other motorized pursuits would be my preference.

0026584-001

We strongly feel that motorized uses should be segregated physically and if that isn't possible separated by calendar date usage as has been implemented thus far.

As we have watched usage on the trail for 15 years (my husband and I live on the old Bean Creek Trail which accesses the main trail) we have seen the trail deteriorate much earlier each year due to the change in snowmobile design. The corduroy road effect was apparent late in the year. He used to wear a back brace toward the end of the season. They caused the sled to bounce uncomfortable. I usually quit skiing in the spring because of the mogul effect skiing.

Now that machines are faster and more powerful and more abundant, these trail conditions appear as soon as there is enough snow. We now rarely ski the main trail and are in search of other alternatives for ski only trails. What takes skiers many trips to groom a back country trail takes a machines seconds to destroy. We have no grooming equipment here. We all understand that a machine does wonders packing the trail in the beginning of the season but it has a negative effect thereafter.

I have spent many a ski trip following the fumes of a snowmobile. I think riders would be amazed how long the fumes linger. The machines are also much quieter and it is frightening and dangerous to be confronted at the last second with the approach of a machine on a narrow corridor from around a corner.

I do not criticize the use of machines, nor the riders of them. I think they have a definite place in winter recreation and transportation. The riders I have met have been courteous. The fact remains that the motorized uses and non motorized uses are not compatible.

0026599-002 eliminate the use of all jet skies, off, road vehicles, helicopters, and small machines.

0026777-001

Subject: ban snowmobiles

Please limit if not BAN snowmachines from U.S. forests.

0026999-002

The Forest should be kept free from motorized recreation, logging, mining and road construction to protect wild life and vegetarian (habitat)

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- 0027595-003 The only down side was the crusty conditions below timberline (where's the groomer when you need one) and the sound of a snowmachine. I though this guy was right behind me going up the trail and kept pulling over to let him by. Finally I reached the 'no motorized vehicle' sign and thought I would take a stand. Turns out he was grinding around above timberline on the other side of the valley. Now, this guy could not have had a stock muffler.
- 0027603-001 Should not be closed to snow machines.
- 0027618-003 Additionally, motorized recreation (terrestrial and aquatic) within the Chugach National Forest should be eliminated.
- 0027626-002 In revising the Plan, please consider reasonable designations of non-motor areas.
- Motorized recreation is noisier; emits combustion products; mats and crushes vegetation; and disturbs wildlife.
- 0027708-001 About the problem of snow machines. The problem is they often go in places that people expect to find quiet, clean air, in short what is good in life. Taking this into consideration please limit their access as much as possible.
- Here are some places that we really don't need people in this state, on those machines.
1. Any where near the Ski train areas. Whey the train is running.
 2. Any where near Manatoba Mountain.
 3. Any where I might go in the future. I wish I could tell you where that is but I don't know myself.
 4. Any where bears are hibernating
- I hope that the rangers give snowmobilers tickets when they violate restricted areas. . I hope the park takes into consideration the fact that these machines are stronger and faster and can go more places than they could before more restrictions are called for to preserve the integrity of our natural places at levels that existed ten years ago, but also the will to enforce these rules.
- 0028303-004 6. There must also be sufficiently detailed restrictions on the use of jet skis, ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines within the Chugach.

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There is great hope among those in the non-motorized community that many of the new recommendations will make the final draft. Many more people can recreate and enjoy an area without impacts on each other and the environment if they are self propelled. Wilderness areas are not sufficient to offer this experience, as neither huts nor mountain bikes nor other forms of low-impact recreation development can be found in wilderness areas.

0028531-002

Some plans should be kept free of mechanized sports, and you in Alaska have a better shot at that than most other forests do.

0029021-001

I forgot to mention in my comments that one very popular practice with snowmachiners is 'highmarking' which is a hazardous activity in terms of the high risk of starting an avalanche.

If wisdom prevails, snowmachiners and skiers will not recreate on the same terrain.

0029078-002

I feel the Forest Service needs to take a firm stance on designating more areas for non-motorized recreation, especially in winter. For too long the balance has weighed heavily in favor of motorized recreation, which does not provide for multiple use. Specifically, all areas currently managed for non-motorized use need to remain that way. Also, the following areas should be set aside for non-motorized recreation:

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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.

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The preferred alternative shows the Lost Lake Trail closed to mountain bikes. Why? The map shows Primrose trail as being open to bikes, along with the area around Lost Lake. If any of this trail system should be closed it should be the alpine area around Lost Lake, which gets really muddy and thus heavily impacted by bikes. The lower part of the Lost Lake trail is very durable compared to the alpine area around the lake. So, if the Lost Lake trail is to be closed to bikes, it makes sense to close the area around the lake as well, since that is where the heavy impact is occurring.

0029125-001

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.

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If you would also consider the effects of increased cruise ship & commercial helicopter operations in the Chugach and include in the management plan restrictions on those operations as well.

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-- Prohibit motorized recreation in the Wilderness Study Area.

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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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I also consider snow machine activity to be incompatible with any other recreational use of land. It is impossible to 'share' with a snow machine.

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I support the restrictions on motorized recreation in the preferred plan.

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I urge you to make sure that the Chugach National Forest remains free from motorized activities, heliskiing, and proposed resorts. Please do not jeopardize the wild character of this the wildest of all national forests.