

SAR - PWS - Interests - Natural Quiet

Comment # Comment

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Thanks for taking the time to speak with me last week about land management in the Jack Bay area.

As you must be aware, for all other types of users other than those actually inside the helicopter, not having helicopters directly overhead is a real relief! But having helicopters cruising the ridges above, with their industrial droning in the background is also a serious detraction from qualities that are exemplified by the Chugach National Forest: spectacular natural scenery, a sense the power and supremacy of the natural world, unharassed wildlife, and the simple pleasure of peace and quiet.

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Jack and Saw mill bays, Marshall pass; non-motorized, providing Valdez residents with needed quiet recreation opportunities.

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I strongly recommend that the entire Jackpot watershed be designated as 'back country' with no commercial helicopter landing.

Helicopters in part of Jack Bay essentially reduces the appeal of the entire area to non motorized users such as fishermen, hunters, hikers, kayakers, skiers and pleasure boaters. When one looks at state and federal lands combined in the Valdez area, there are very few places where the public can enjoy these traditional non motorized recreation and subsistence pursuits without competing with snow machines and helicopters. Jack Bay has been a quiet haven, and I think should continue as such!

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I am writing to ask you to include restoration of natural quiet in the Chugach National Forest Plan and to ensure the opportunity for people to enjoy the natural sounds of the Forest.

I also urge you to close additional areas to snowmachining--by timeshare or allocation-- Jack Bay, and Sawmill Bay.

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We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the draft EIS and plan revision. We enjoy kayaking in Prince William Sound every summer and appreciate the natural beauty and quiet of the Sound.