

# Recreation

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- 0005-005 Use fees for popular recreation areas can provide long-term, sustainable income for maintenance and upkeep.
- 0006-002 We have stayed in many of your Forest Service cabins and I urge you to maintain them so me and my fellow Alaskans may enjoy them for many more years.
- 0010-003 From the planning work that we have done in the area, it is our observation that the focus of human appreciation and interest in the area is for beauty and recreation. Uses and activities proposed for this area of the national forest should keep these two values uppermost in mind.
- 0018-006 Would keep things roadless - trails would be OK & maybe more FS cabins.
- 0018-010 Road access to Whittier is a mistake - the whole atmosphere will change and the quality of the recreational experience will decline significantly. Impact on fish stocks?? Will be very crowded. Need absolute limits on where to
- 0022-001 I feel there is significant uses for ATV's within the Chugach National Forest. I've enjoyed many days recreational riding in the forest. People want to close that access to me. It is a public place for everyone to enjoy. Why are we looking at closing a whole segment for a small group. We all own that forest as Americans and must learn to share. One group cannot take a higher precedence over the other. Please consider this when reviewing your policy. We have enough room in the forest for everyone. It would be wrong to let a extreme environmental group close off
- 0023-001 -The state's advocacy of tourism has caused a depletion of available public campgrounds and related facilities & infrastructure. More of these would be a welcome development, esp. for residents.
- 0024-005 5) A major outhouse should be built at the top of Turnagain pass, maybe with a lodge included.
- 0024-006 6) There's a need for about 1000 more campsites along the highways.
- 0024-009 9) Build few new trails.
- 0032-002 Make sure there are plenty of outhouses for tourists to use or they will poop in our forests. Also make aluminum waste basket cans for recyclers to pick them up. Tourists need all of our parks and camps open. Giver person running camp gate percentage of \$ if our Forest Service is on budget.
- 0033-001 The preservation of existing traditional backcountry telemarking areas. Manitoba Min, and the Turnagain Pass area should be closed to both Heli-ski and snowmachine (ski side) use. If heli-ski activities are allowed they must be out of the viewshed of current back country ski areas! Keep Manitoba Mtn. snowmachine free!!!!
- 0034-003 Before planning new facilities to E.I.S. studies on all sites detailing plans for a low impact on wildlife. Let's keep Alaska Wild --
- 0037-004 Don't build facilities to add to over crowding on the River.
- 0050-004 5) Encouraging non-consumptive uses, hiking, canoeing, fishing, x-country skiing. NOT: Heli-skiing, snowmobiling or
- 0059-002 Second, from fishing to hiking through the mountains, Chugach State Park and Chugach National Forest provide the largest concentration of Alaskans uncrowded high quality recreation, which is also a low-impact industry catering to the rest of owners of this forest. For example, a by-pass cutting off the lower part of the Resurrection trail should be unthinkable. - Development should be done very carefully.
- 0066-002 (2) For many years now I have enjoyed your winter policy on the Resurrection Trail. We mush dogs and ski and it is nice to have the trail closed to machines for a while.
- 0066-003 (3) We live in the Summit Lake area and I am glad that this area is open all winter to snow machines because we get so much snow that without them the trails would be in horrible condition. The machine traffic is very important in keeping our trails open!
- 0069-002 Recreation and Tourism: Recreation and tourism should be managed as renewable resources, in line with the carrying capacity of the National Forest lands. Commercial services should be permitted, but should be regulated to prevent degradation of resource values.
- 0070-003 Cabins and foot trails are great.
- 0078-004 (4) Inclusion of back-country (wilderness based) tourism & recreational use in the alternatives -.

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- 0079-002 Campgrounds should be maintained -
- 0080-003 Stop development on the Russian River.
- 0083-001 The recreational mining activities. These allow us to do something as a family, and gives our guests a "sourdough experience." Being able to find real gold, rather than in a seeded pan in some tourist trap is truly satisfying.
- 0102-003 In the past 50 years, I have been all over the Chugach NF - its a national treasure - lets keep it that way. It's a recreational forest - not a commercial enterprise. A professional Forester Dave Spencer 12501 Lorraine Anchorage, AK 99516
- 0112-004 I do feel skiers using the Chugach should pay a "user fee" much like snowmachines have to be registered.
- 0117-009 Bring down the price of campgrounds, and don't start new fee programs - we've paid federal taxes already.
- 0119-001 Skiing No Motors on Res Pass
- 0120-002 We live in the Summit Lake area and participate in silent winter sports such as Mushing, ski-joring, and skiing but we enjoy seeing and are thankful for snowmachines in the area which put in our trails and offer fast, safe travel in emergency situations.
- 0122-003 Something needs to be worked out with State of AK DNR to prevent a growing conflict between the cross-country skiers, snow machines & miners. Maybe some agreement like the one in Turnigan Pass might work.
- 0123-003 (3) Put resources into maintaining existing trails & cabins not into building more.
- 0127-001 (1) ILLEGIBLE carbon, which was recently burned down, needs to be replaced, as very other carbons ILLEGIBLE is added. Unfortunately the expense is prohibitive
- 0148-003 I would like to see more educational & non motorized recreational activities happen through the Forest Service.
- 0149-002 Recreation and tourism: In addition to the questions listed, it will be critical to factor in the individual users affect on the environment in conjunction with the commercial outfitters.
- 0151-001 NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION I want large areas on the Chugach where I can go at any time of the year and know that the FS has banned motor vehicles and know that I will not suffer harassment from yahoos with motors. Seasonal closures don't satisfy me. I want year around protection of the resource and year around safety for myself. ILLEGIBLE gowm increasingly weary of having outdoor experience ruined by overweight, illiterate, drunken
- 0175-001 Recreation & Tourism & minimize intrusive mechanized tourism heli flight seeing new snowmobile trails should be on the periphery of wilderness areas. No new roads through them. Reason, there is no effective enforcement for keeping flight minimum altitudes or keeping motorized recreationists to their trails.
- 0180-005 Presently commercial rafting use of the river does not conflict with other uses; however, if allowed to expand uncontrolled, conflict will soon occur. I suggest that commercial rafting not be allowed to expand more than 20% above current levels. The current levels of commercial rafting are causing some impacts to put ins and take outs of Sixmile. These include trail erosion, human waste, and degradation of the take out road at the end of the 3rd canyon. These problems should be corrected at the expense of the rafting companies operating on the river.
- 0193-002 2. Q. What are your specific concerns and interests about these issues? Why are these issues important to you? 2. A. Lack of improvements and/or facilities in (ILLEGIBLE) of the forest that are most accessible
- 0194-002 Not sure at this point - perhaps by improving certain areas by (water access) could stop others from over use
- 0194-003 4. Q. What people or views must be considered when designing improvements related to this issue or area? 4. A. Everyone from those in fishing boat, pleasure weekender, small tourist boats, to kayaker etc.
- 0194-005 Limits damage to wild life & habit over long term. also building outlook scenic areas - keeps people on trails too.
- 0194-006 Some local people could be used to build & maintain trails close to them.
- 0194-007 Areas actually designated for trail use that could be permanently maintained. Could keep people from use all over other areas not very good for public use
- 0195-002 2. Q. What are your specific concerns and interests about these issues? Why are these issues important to you? 2. A. Human beings are part of the ecological environment. Pass regulations protecting the environment but not restricting human access or use of needed resources. I want to be able to go camping or fishing or hunting. Build a campfire, walk on the land, not, just float by and look at it.

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- 0196-002 (2) More campsites (accessible)
- 0201-003 our Camp site is on AKRR property can not enlarge
- 0202-002 It is important for areas surround. Wittier to be developed in teams of recreational activities for the soon tube increasing # of tourists in the area. (Plus, it allows Alaskans to have a destination during the off seasons)
- 0218-003 Protection of river recreation.
- 0224-002 2. Q. Why is this improvement desirable? 2. A. As snowmachines & ORVs gain in popularity, as well as range and ability, they are filling areas that traditionally have been "open" but unused. Unless concrete restrictions are set, noisy recreation will force out other uses. This does not mean we can't create areas for noisy recreation.
- 0224-005 5. A. None Comments of others: It seems reasonable to make some areas off-limits to motorized vehicles. There must be enforcement and the fees idea might pay for that. Closures are needed to reduce conflicts. Get motorized & nonmotorized together to discuss where each can operate.
- 0224-010 What people or views must be considered when designing improvements related to this issue or area? 4. A. - Motorized recreationists & hunters - Industry supporting motorized recreationists - Tourist industry - Traditional lifestyle advocates - Communities dependent upon tourism - Essentially - all
- 0236-004 Provide additions, facilities, & access - disperse people.
- 0239-001 Wilderness/Spirituality. Issue: Right to enjoy silence. Motorized vehicles. They make noise. Ski recreation. Skiers love silence. Meditation needs silence. Disturb nature as little as possible. All people need to be considered, especially those who love snowmachines. Key Thoughts: appreciation of nature as it is naturally.
- 0240-003 Recreational uses that destroy opportunities of other recreational users to enjoy the natural environment more or less as is. Preserve the values inherent in a natural ecological system. I look upon our national forests as a land ethics issue in which not only human but non-human values deserve consideration. Legal context which involves not only those in the area affected but all Americans as stewards of this public forest.
- 0242-003 I also think if Prince William Sound does get over a certain amount of use, more will have to be done to disperse people, - such as "harden" campsites. That goes back to the "Limits of Change" talked about. - I'd be glad to see something like that being done as defined.
- 0243-002 A. Quiet Rec.
- 0244-001 Access - H.Capped
- 0246-002 It's also important to develop some recreational uses which allow people with different abilities and interests to enjoy parts of the forest.
- 0248-003 provide nonmotorized (ILLEGIBLE) recreation opportunities with (ILLEGIBLE) scenic (ILLEGIBLE) ((ILLEGIBLE) no straight lines from roads & powerlines) irresponsible behavior by those on motorized vehicles, ((ILLEGIBLE) to those travelling by non-motorized (ILLEGIBLE) as well as habitat destruction)). An example being snowmachines saying they don't have enough access when in fact there is very little area restricted to snowmachines.
- 0249-002 provide motorized recreation areas (long-term) - provide much more recreation (semi-developed) more diverse recreation opportunities. Motorized Recreation. not much is currently allowed on the CNF and there will be a concerted effort to further restrict motorized uses.
- 0252-001 I believe management of the Chugach should remain as previously focused on recreation and wildlife, w/ little or no logging Logging diminishes my experience as a recreationist. I prefer and enjoy a natural landscape (beetles & dead trees included!) Logging disturbs the natural habitat & ecosystem. It is not good for tourism - the #1 industry of the Kenai Peninsula.
- 0256-003 Non-motorized recreation - want it to exist in same amount as now & be very separate from nonmotorized areas.
- 0256-004 Air traffic - need to restrict to prevent ruining experience of others.
- 0256-010 Air traffic - designate areas where helicopter & planes are not allowed. Create (ILLEGIBLE) to support a floor on flight level. Work with other organizations/
- 0256-014 Work w/ user groups of motorized vehicles & people who don't use them to come to agreement via this same

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- 0259-004 3. A. USING TRAK & ICETA MONEY HIGHWAY PULLOFFS CAN BE CREATED (CONTACT STATE OF AK FOR CO-ORDINATION). THE C.S.F. COULD TIE TO THE PULLOFF WITH THEIR TRAILS OR CAMP SITES. THIS JOINT SYSTEM WOULD MAKE THE PROCESS AVOID THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON TRAK & ICETA MONIES.
- 0259-006 5. A. THIS IMPROVEMENT RELATES TO THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THAT USE C.N.F. APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MILLION PEOPLE ARRIVE EACH SUMMER AT THE PORT OF SEWARD AND SPEND THEIR TIME DRIVING THE 125 MILES TO ANCHORAGE. THE ONLY STOP MAY BE AT PORTAGE. WITH ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS THE TOURIST MAY STOP. THIS WOULD HAVE MINIMAL IMPACT TO THE MAJORITY OF THE C.N.F. CONCERNS AND INTERESTS
- 0259-010 4. A. APPROXIMATELY 20% OF THE PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ARE DISABLED. ABOUT 1/2 OF THE DISABLED PEOPLE HAVE SOME FUNCTIONAL DISABILITY THAT PREVENTS THE INDIVIDUAL FROM STRENUOUS ACTIVITIES. THE NUMBER INCREASES EACH YEAR AS THE POPULATION AGES. THIS GROUP DESIRES OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES JUST THE SAME AS THE HIKER THAT SPENDS EACH WEEKEND IN THE MOUNTAINS.
- 0265-013 balancing a wide variety of recreational users (including tourism).
- 0272-003 4. A. There's always the points of view of interests for those whose desired recreation type of experience is in conflict with the type I enjoy. There's the other side, is there a way for both sides to get something of what they
- 0273-001 1. A. Motorized versus nonmotorized uses of the forest. Helicopter access, snow machines, airboats, ATVs. 2. A. Conflicts between cross-country skiers and snowmobilers & helicopter skiers. Also conflicts over noise created by motorized users. Many people see use as either/or. They want total exclusion. There are many people that see exclusion as preventing them from being able to enjoy the Forest.
- 0273-002 3. A. Wildlife & impacts to habitat, harassment or displacement. Commercial operations & opportunities for a variety of recreation experiences. Use (ILLEGIBLE) on State or other Federal land. Technology changes. Land allocations. Roads. Laws. 4. A. Helicopter companies. Tourism. AVA. Cross-country skiers. Hikers. Canoers. Snowmobilers. Boat owners. Biologists. Law enforcement.
- 0279-001 1. A. Establish areas or times where only one type of activity ((ILLEGIBLE)) can occur. 2. A. Eliminate conflicts between the 2 groups. 3. A. Through public meetings, work out agreement with groups. District staff, law enforcement & M & NM groups. 4. A. Attitudes of groups involved. Get them together to talk & learn from each other. 5. A. Wildlife. Soil erosion. Tourism.
- 0280-001 1. A. Non-motorized recreation. How to provide access for both motorized & non activities, how to prevent/mitigate impacts to wildlife, soil erosion. specific concerns 2. A. Noise. Safety. My preferred recreational activities are hiking, skiing, bicycling. 3. Q.other issues 3. A. Motorized recreation. Tourism. Wildlife. Soil erosion. 4. Q. views 4. A. Both M & NM have equal rights of access. Also needs to be access for commercial O/G activities. Horseback riders, dog teams, back country skiers.
- 0286-001 At this point in time, (ILLEGIBLE). If degradation from land use starts to occur, I'd like to see some projects done to disperse people more from heavily used sites, by either providing tent platforms, or gravel pads. Improvements are needed (ILLEGIBLE) but few clear, flat, well drained places to just place a backpack tent on. Special interest groups could provide labor and materials, if permission was given to put in tent platforms. Authorization from the Forest Service is the only obstacle.
- 0295-012 11. NO NEW PUBLIC USER FEES SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED -- Moderate fees for using certain improved areas in the Forest such as campgrounds and paved parking lots at Russian River are appropriate, however there is a new and worrisome trend in National Forests in the Lower 48 to impose new fees for access to unimproved parts of the Forests such as caves in Arizona and a so-called "adventure tax" in the San Bernardino National Forest in California. The Forest is PUBLIC LAND, and the public should not be charged fees to use unimproved areas of its own land.
- 0309-004 Add more car campground spaces! We have an RV and enjoy your ILLEGIBLE campsites, but they are crowded. Build more! Raise rates, people will pay.
- 0310-001 A management plan which recognizes the potential of CNF for a variety of year-round recreational activities, and a deemphasis on costly, nonrevenue producing timber operations which create long-term damage for all other uses.
- 0316-001 In that my concern was about setting aside a beautiful piece of Chugach Forest for cycling. Had expressed then that motorcycles could be included however, they should not be. The area is the old railroad bed used in "Copper" days. You folks know it has been an area of extreme controversy. Governor Hickel wanted a road from Chitna to Cordova on that old route and so began one. Read about a fellow in Cordova public library while there in 1981, my first of 3 visits. He had managed to traverse the route in 1980 on a good mountain bike. So I know it has been done. People the world over know of the Iditarod Trail. In winter you Alaskans may use the run for snowmachines. In summer you would have something akin to the Tour De France. Only: Keep it like your Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and Chester Creek Bike Path won't you.

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- 0318-004 The revision takes into account activities outside of its boundaries when deciding what activities are appropriate or inappropriate, balancing uses on a bigger scale than just the Forest. my main concern is that the Chugach remain primarily a recreational forest that caters to individual users as much, or more so, than groups and tours.
- 0326-004 Similarly, tourism opportunities need to be expanded, perhaps in concert with mineral development. It is interesting to note that after fifty years or so and sometimes less, many old mining developments become historic and today are popular recreational areas that also offer recreational access to the back country, It is ironic that these areas are sought out by the same environmentalist crowd that would deplore or litigate against such developments today The Copper River: railroad, Kennecott/McCarthy, Bering River coalfields and Talkeetna Mountains, are a few of these that
- 0326-005 I strongly believe there needs to be a balance between wilderness and accessibility to an increasingly older population. Airplane and helicopter access are often the only way elders can get to view wilderness and wildlife.
- 0334-008 Designate Quiet Areas. Designate quiet areas on the forest to establish a balance between areas available for motorized recreation and lands managed for the enjoyment of quiet sports.
- 0338-004 A) Don't create "magnets" for users, keep access as it is to insure dispersed usage.
- 0347-005 Uses must be analyzed as necessities vs. luxuries and prioritized accordingly Resource development (includes fisheries, timber, mining) is necessity, recreation luxury
- 0352-002 Generally Status Quo Picnic area at Round Island sand pit. Expanded picnic area at Childs Glacier.
- 0356-003 recreation uses wildlife habitat
- 0363-001 A. Tihaker Mt should be a ski mountain. 2. A. It takes to long to get some thing done. 3. A. Does it make sense! All people have to work together
- 0370-018 Have a Cooper Landing Chugach P. Meeting. At Tern Lake on the viewing platform, the center station looks weird, I can't help it, it needs a little trim or a roof, or different angle, makes the whole think look bad Sounds silly, but it does. Am I the only on that this bothers? Do I have something better to do than worry about H?
- 0370-021 However most projects have been done very well. Continue with trails and cabins, highway (ILLEGIBLE) management. Rec., habitat values most imp. Minimum visible development.
- 0372-002 Other resources the forest managers need to be manage in such a manner to protect the long standing recreation opportunities the forest offers.
- 0374-007 Develop downhill ski trails/mountainside at/on Tihaker Mountain.
- 0374-009 A. A downhill ski area on Tihaker Mountain (mi 8-12) from Seward, if meritorious, should be expedited so that some downhill use of the mountain be possible in 1998/99 winter region. 3. A. A local cooperative or limited partnership.corp. using private funds, ie Seward-Anchorage investors, could implement a pilot project. 4. A. Government red-tape. Meaningful discussions with Nat'l forest Mangmt personnel & others State/Fed agencies, solid business plan and environmental impact analysis. 5. A. Promotes tourism and develops character of Seward and recreational opportunities for Seward, Kenai Peninsula & (illegible). Could allocate nearby areas of mountain for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Minimal impact on bear or other wildlife habitat because limited to specific
- 0374-010 5. A. Promotes tourism and develops character of Seward and recreational opportunities for Seward, Kenai Peninsula & (illegible). Could allocate nearby areas of mountain for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Minimal impact on bear or other wildlife habitat because limited to specific slope area. Road access already there.
- 0375-007 Open Tie Hacker Mt. to Down Hill skins2. A. To bring more people to Seward in winter - & ie Hacker to Down Hill skins
- 0380-002 3. A. Providing for increased tourism by assuring the necessary facilities & safety considerations
- 0394-004 1. A. a) Keep wilderness study area - add Unakwik & Eaglek areas 3. A. -formal wilderness designation would make it more likely that funds were available for management. How might those obstacles be overcome 4. A. a) Congress and delegation. 5. A. a) Supports commercial & non-commercial recreational uses
- 0400-018 MAXIMUM RECREATION: All avoidable use conflicts (with timber, mining and other human activities) are resolved in favor of recreation. There would be no commercial timber harvesting. A variation within this alternative would include a "Quiet recreation emphasis," where -- conflicts between motorized access and quiet recreation use are resolved by limiting motorized access; and -- conflicts between "active" and "passive" recreation are resolved in favor of active recreation. "Active" means visitors who get out of vehicles (cars, train, boats or ships) and venture into the forest beyond developed areas, such as communities, ports and roadsides.

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- 0404-012 Recreation Backcountry hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, skiing depend on wilderness. Enough of Alaska is open to wilderness-lessening motorized recreation.
- 0404-033 Tiehacker Mountain near Seward should not be developed for downhill skiing because of the extreme avalanche danger and unsuitability of snow conditions and slope angle.
- 0415-001 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed simplified fee system. As you know, we lead day kayaking and sailing trips from Growler Island Camp in Prince William Sound. All our guests overnight at the camp. We wonder why our type of day trip has not been included. It would seem to fit well with the Short-Stop/Flat Fee Proposal: Non-motorized freshwater float boat trips. Why is this category limited to freshwater? I note that there is a boat & Lodge based shore excursions, but we hardly seem to fit this category and note that our business was not included in the calculations here. I am curious how you reached an assumption that time on NFS ranged from 5 to 60%? I note that this is used for all 6 types of proposed flat-fee categories although it seems unlikely that they would all fall into this identical range. Is this based on information provided by the permittees? We provide this information when we file our permit returns. I suggest that the percentage of time figure be based on data provided in the past by permit holders. I also note that although you say 5 to 60% range, the fee is calculated on the highest estimated amount of use, not the average. If there is no documentation of the amount of quick-stop use on a day trip, then it would seem fairer to use the average than the highest estimate. In our case, I believe about 7 to 25% of our time is spent on Forest Service land. The average is around 15%. I look forward to learning more about this new proposal for calculating fees.
- 0428-007 SEACC urges the Forest Service to manage the Chugach for forest uses other than commercial logging. Comments from nearby population centers overwhelmingly see the long-term use of the Chugach as being primarily recreational. Over half of the State's population live within an hour's drive of the Chugach. Sustainable industries such as fishing, tourism, and recreation are growth industries which peaceably co-exist. We believe that the Chugach should not be managed for commercial logging
- 0434-005 5. The plan must consider increased Infrastructure in the western sound to support increased visitor access resulting from the Whittier Road. The Forest Service is not meeting current demand and dramatic visitor growth is projected. I have spent over 300 days and nights sailing and anchoring in Prince William Sound over the past 10 years. In that time I can count on one hand the times I have benefited from any Forest Service infrastructure or management on the Forest. The cabins are a definite asset, but they are in such demand It Is getting more and more difficult to get reservations. The new trail from Three Finger Cove to Shrode Lake Is great, but a bridge across the stream to the Shrode Lake cabin and to connect to the Long Bay trail would greatly Improve opportunities there. Mountain biking opportunities from Macleod Harbor to Patton Bay would be a true benefit and diversification to the types of recreational experiences available to boaters. The planning team should provide some comparative numbers regarding the miles of trails and number of campground facilities per acre on the Chugach compared to national averages for national forests. I suspect there Is a great disparity, in spite of the rhetoric from within the Forest Service that it is a "recreation forest." The increased level of Kayaks and beach campers resulting from existing growth and projected growth from the Whittier road demands designated camping areas with sanitary facilities. Mooring buoys in areas that are otherwise poor anchorages would help alleviate crowding.
- 0445-002 Second, I would like to say that the most important resource the Chugach has to offer us is recreation. Logging, mining, grazing, and other activities carried out in other national forests may be important in other parts of the country; I realize that some logging and mining activities that have been carried out in other areas have also been done on the Chugach (although I'm not aware of any grazing permits having been issued there). I believe that the total, cumulative impacts of any activity to be permitted on the Chugach N.F. should be considered before the issuance of any permits for commercial use. Some activities are detrimental to other uses of the Chugach (and other) National Forest(s); for instance, mining, logging, and grazing are generally detrimental to recreational use, and may also be detrimental to wildlife habitat and watershed values; on the other hand, recreational uses are "low-impact" (especially non-motorized recreational uses). In making land use decisions on the Chugach N.F., any conflicts that may result from permitting any specific activity should be taken into consideration, and to the maximum extent possible should be
- 0453-004 If recreation will take place - and I hope it will - let it be without roads that cut through the heart of the wilderness, and be well monitored.
- 0462-011 Please limit the size of the Lost Lake Breath of Life run to 250 participants. The damage done by this event is growing and at an unacceptable level. Please also ensure that race participants stick to the main trail to localize damage and hopefully limit impact to the fragile tundra/alpine system.
- 0462-012 Please do not allow new development of alpine ski resorts in the Seward or Lost Lake area. Any such development should remain focused in already disturbed areas such as Girdwood and Anc.
- 0463-002 Tourism and recreation are major and growing uses of the Forest. The major challenge for this plan will be to balance access to the Forest with the quality of experience of the Forest. As the population of areas adjacent to the Forest grow, demands for recreation and other uses increase. The value of the Forest for nature and wilderness based recreation and tourism is growing rapidly...



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- 0463-024 More thoroughly identify and protect sea bird colonies waterfowl and migratory bird staging areas, harbor seal pupping beaches, harbor seal, sea otter and sea lion haul out areas, or killer whale rubbing beaches. The Forest Service should work with the recreation and tourism groups as well as the general public to develop guidelines and/or regulations for wildlife viewing and low-impact use of areas likely to be used by wildlife as listed above.
- 0473-004 Because of the proximity to Anchorage, and relatively easy tourist access by boat and existing roads, the forest should also continue to be a "recreation" forest where its immense scenic beauty in the shadow of the Chugach mountains and along the shores of Prince William Sound.
- 0476-002 I would like to say that the most important resource the Chugach has to offer us is recreation.
- 0479-033 Finally, we recommend the Forest Service address designations of special areas of the forest as National Recreation Areas, or any other relevant special designations, to give unique areas on the forest the protection they require and
- 0484-001 Knowledgeable and responsible use of our recreational resources is of prime importance, especially on Kenai Peninsula where we live.
- 0485-009 Since recreational utilization is for the most part non-destructive, it should always be given preference over commercial activities including mining and logging.
- 0489-005 We strongly support the following in the Chugach NF: 1. increased construction of public facilities (toilets) and rest areas at existing trail heads and elsewhere along the existing road system. This is becoming a very real and very unfortunate problem on the Kenai as more and more folks are forced to visit the bushes. This is becoming a serious public health issue and merits immediate attention.
- 0489-006 2. At some point, the development of a "world class" trail and hut system in the forest. People travel from all over the world to enjoy the famous treks in New Zealand. They could be coming to Alaska.
- 0673-002 It is important to preserve our recreational opportunities in wilderness areas.
- 0743-001 Anchorage is fortunate to have a world-class recreational area such as the Chugach in its backyard. The recreational opportunities are endless and the roadless scenery unique and I think the great majority of Alaskans living in this area would like to keep it that way.
- 0762-001 Please protect Kenai Lake by making the public access at Quartz Creek Area a day-use only area - keep vehicles out w/big rocks (the small ones are just pushed out of the way) or posts.
- 0778-003 I would like to see the cabins program expanded.
- 0793-004 We strongly support the following in the Chugach NF: 1. increased construction of public facilities (toilets) and rest areas at existing trail heads and elsewhere along the existing road system. This is becoming a very real and very unfortunate problem on the Kenai as more and more folks are forced to visit the bushes. This is becoming a serious public health issue and merits immediate attention. 2. At some point, the development of a "world class" trail and hut system in the forest. People travel from all over the world to enjoy the famous treks in New Zealand. They could be
- 0795-001 1 Resurrection Pass, Carter Lk., Lost Lake Trails: alternate schedule so at least one of these areas is designated for non-motorized use at all times - issues of safety, noise pollution, exhaust pollution, and incompatible uses.
- 0805-001 Establish permanent wilderness areas for recreation.
- 0812-016 - Development reserves must be identified for areas deemed to have high potential for tourism and recreational activities. Reserves may change general location or anticipated prescription as demand for activities change, however, the need for identified reserves is critical for planned development. All ranges of visitation identified in the Recreational Opportunity Spectrum must be accommodated by planned visitor center developments.
- 0812-017 - Trail building and upgrading of existing trails must be continued. Identified trails must have a development time line associated with construction to assure access keeps pace with demand. Trails must be built to accommodate the greatest numbers of visitors using the Recreational Opportunity Spectrum.
- 0813-015 Forest Service direction for assigning levels of scenic quality according to visitor use days along transportation corridors does not address the needs 5 of dispersed recreation and wilderness-quality guides and outfitters who use less highly traveled areas.
- 0817-010 Watchable Wildlife The plan should develop a comprehensive approach for enhancing wildlife viewing across the

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- 0821-019 An analysis of present and future demand for recreation and tourism use and development and the types of these uses in the Chugach National Forest is essential to managing these activities over the life of the forest plan. Upon completion of such an analysis, Sierra Club urges the adoption of a plan that emphasizes sustainable fisheries, recreation and tourism. The impact of these activities on sensitive areas of the Kenai Peninsula, Copper River Delta, and Prince William Sound must be closely scrutinized.
- 0821-023 The dramatically increased human impact from the Whittier road will engender far-reaching effects, potentially negative, on dispersed/remote recreational use by independent travelers and the existing small-scale, locally owned ecotourism businesses currently operating in the Sound. The Forest Plan must address this change and provide the means to ensure the continued availability of a remote wilderness experience for visitors and users of the forest.
- 0822-001 My primary concern, based on information I have seen in the "Revisions" newsletters, is that the management objectives of the forest are being weighted too heavily toward primitive dispersed recreation uses. While this objective certainly has a place in the overall management regime of the forest it should be a very small part of the land management plan and should not be designated in any areas where it may preclude other multiple uses of the forest. With 5.4 million acres of land, the Chugach National Forest has plenty of room for all users.
- 0826-004 4. The plan needs to have a clear statement about how recreational use of the forest will be managed. This use of the forest is increasing rapidly due to the growing urban interface and appropriate resources should be devoted to this activity. In addition a fee structure needs to be implemented that will fairly distribute some of the cost of developing and maintaining recreational facilities and services. Commercial users of the forest, helicopter tours, commercial kayaking, sailing or any other type of commercial user in a passive or active sense should pay a higher percentage in fees or use permits. The average member of the public who is an occasional visitor to the forest should not bear an undue financial burden to enjoy this public resource.
- 0829-006 Designate Quiet Areas to establish a balance between areas available for motorized recreation and lands managed for the enjoyment of quiet activities.
- 0837-001 Recreation The principal issue that will need to be confronted during the revision of the CNFP is the accommodation of the growing number of recreation users and resolution of the increasing conflicts between users, especially motorized and non-motorized users, both commercial and private.
- 0837-011 In the PWS area, use of state land is established by the Prince William Sound Area Plan (PWSAP). Although this plan designates significant portions of the state uplands for recreation or assigns a protected status, there are numerous tracts that provide for various types of development related uses.
- 0839-004 Preservation of fish and wildlife habitat would also enhance recreational opportunities of the area.
- 0839-005 Recreation on our national forests contributes nearly 30 times more revenue to our economy than logging our national forests does!
- 0860-023 Support and encourage multiple season recreation
- 0860-027 Build more recreation cabins
- 0860-041 Improved access to recreation, emphasize multi season recreation but no infrastructure support
- 0860-048 Continue under estimating number of people recreating on Forest
- 0860-084 Access a few roads for public recreation Work together with Eyak land owners and develop the existing logging roads for public recreation
- 0860-085 Serving the people "Primitive" experiences easily accessible for everyone, not just those who can afford to fly in
- 0860-095 Good balance of recreation opportunities
- 0860-100 Motorized recreation in limited areas and strictly controlled
- 0860-102 Open areas to all recreation areas
- 0860-121 Nordic ski trails and cabins expanded
- 0862-004 Turnagain Pass – Designations & concessionaires
- 0862-007 Carrying capacities for Outfitters and Guides

## ***Comment # Comment***

- 0862-020 Recreational Development – especially PWS & Cabins
- 0862-023 LAC Done for PWS
- 0863-008 Plenty of camping spots where you cannot see your neighbors
- 0863-014 Would like to see cabins closer than three miles from a road.
- 0863-015 Need more understandable, clear definition/linkage between ROS and trails & facility levels/functions.
- 0873-001 Not allow airboats on 18 & 20 mile – allow on other tribs not accessible by foot from Highway an Alaganek boat ramp.
- This will reduce user conflicts, improve recreation experience of one group (walkers) now airboats about run you over in stream due to speed they are going and windingness of the stream.
- Sign these areas and let people know they have to stop at mouths of tribs at 18 & 20 mile.
- 0873-004 Motorized and nonmotorized use on the CRD and Alaganik River tributaries is important to me.
- Use of airboats on 18 mile and 20 mile tribs into Alaganik River conflict with foot fisher people. Streams shallow – only 2 streams with fish accessible by foot from Hwy or Alaganik boat ramp. Can walk upstream, no need for air boat – disturb fish/muddy creek takes a while for stream to settle down and then they blast thru again.
- Do we have jurisdiction on “navigable rivers” can we limit motorized boat use.
- Allow motorized air boat on main river and into McKinley Lake. Can airboat to mouths of streams but walk from there airboaters views of going every place an airboat can physically go. Noise.
- 0880-001 ? There may be alpine ski area potential in the Cooper Lake area and Tiehacker Mountain. No demand study has been completed.  
? There may be opportunities for tram lines up scenic view peaks - Mt. Alice
- 0880-002 ? The plan should identify trails where no cabins would be built - Johnson Pass Trail was mentioned  
? Look at opportunities or the need for cluster cabins or high density cabins in certain locations where high use is occurring  
? Locate cabins on Kenai Lake  
? Increase the number of cabins close to the 3 mile road limit in the current Forest Plan.
- 0880-003 ? Designate Juneau Falls as a developed site if the State realigns the Sterling Highway
- 0880-015 ? Maintain semiprimitive recreation opportunities on the Resurrection Pass Trail  
?
- 0880-017 Look at a whistle stop campground along the railroad  
? Identify opportunities for developed campgrounds at Exit Glacier road (new), Cooper Lake (new), Primrose (expand), Cooper Creek (expand)
- 0880-027 ? Use the LAC on dispersed sites that are road accessible. Potential for development include Palmer Cr. Valley, Resurrection Cr. Mining area, Six-Mile put in/take out sites, Moose Pass ballfield, Quartz Creek beach, Tern Lake day use site, and Exit Glacier road.
- 0881-004 P More definite standards/guidelines for rec. opps, protection from timber harvest/mgmt (address buffers, siting,
- 0881-013 P How to manage eligible Natl. Historic Register cabins? Mull on Res., Lauritsen on Mills Ck, Billy Millers on Afanasia, Primrose cabin, Upper Russian Lakes. How to analyze these for designation?
- 0881-014 P How to address increasing demand for developed sites: ie. campgrounds  
P Plans need to made specific allocations
- 0883-003 Include parking and toilet facilities at access points. What agency should manage those facilities and where will the funding come from? How can we continue to build new facilities without maintaining the ones we have.