

# Watercraft

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- 0024-004 4) Six mile creek could be designated Wild & Scenic but allow rafters & kayakers.
- 0037-005 Ban jet skis on all Lakes on the Forest.
- 0112-003 Kayaking on the Sound - I find this acceptable & should continue.
- 0141-001 Clean, litter free small boat gunkholes in Prince William Sound Quiet, easy access for country skiing, fishing, &
- 0156-003 Prince William Sound is a kayaking mecca and uniquely suited for Kayaks. With the Whittier access tunnel opened up I hope we can provide safely for that flood of users.
- 0187-001 I work as an outdoor educator in Anchorage. I teach whitewater rafting, canoeing and sea kayaking mostly to people who live in Anchorage. I consider the following rivers and glaciers particularly important to recreational boaters: Sixmile Kenai River Columbia Glacier -- accessible by sea kayak Copper River (Upper & Lower) Since there are so many people that use these areas I would like to see managed growth. This includes: primitive camping areas, primitive launch areas, better river maps, more access to rangers, more human waste facilities (especially on the Kenai, Sixmile, at Chitna on the Copper. As a non-motorized boater (canoe & kayak) I am in favor of designated some rivers for non-power boat traffic only. It is also very difficult for rafters to raft through the fishing chaos on the Kenai during the summer fishing months. Sorry I don't have any solutions for this; I just recognize it as a problem. I'd like to see canoes and kayaks allowed on Portage Lake. Kayaks are allowed near all of the glaciers in PWS. I don't find mining and boating very compatible. I support all efforts to curtail mining on recreational rivers. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I am very glad to see the Forest Service becoming more involved in recreation and less
- 0199-005 Allows people w/o boats to enjoy NF.
- 0242-002 I'm concerned about overcrowding. It simply will not be a wilderness experience for me to be out kayaking in an area designated as wilderness and have 2 cruise ships an hour going by all day long.
- 0302-001 My name is Bill Schroeder. I live in Cordova for the past 10 years. I like to hunt & fish and enjoy the recourses I am disabled in a wheelchair. When the Forest Service stopped airboating in the Copper Valley for moose hunting They basically took away my hunting privileges as a an Alaskan resident. These privileges are very important to me I think all of that you are trying to do here is a bunch of hog wash. I think things should be left the way the locals have it now, if some people in the government would just leave well enough alone. B.S.
- 0321-007 Prohibit jet skis on all lakes and rivers
- 0354-001 Diverting the water at 7 1/2 mile To stop flooding - improve transportation. Take care of the problem up by the glacier in the winter dig out no liability then. Funded through Fed. gov. Proper work I guess - A study of that area This would by one large problem taken care of floodings transportation down river, fish spawning.
- 0375-002 keep Kenai Lake open to water craft use
- 0467-014 Increased boat landings on some beaches in Prince William Sound could disrupt breeding oystercatchers and foraging behavior of migratory shorebirds.
- 0479-066 Jet skis: Jet skis should be strictly regulated and monitored due to noise conflicts, pollution and wildlife impacts, such as disturbance to loon nests, among other impacts.
- 0480-004 Placer River should designated Wild and. Scenic and regulations should be developed such that air boat use is
- 0702-001 Restrict/Prohibit Jet Skis on Kenai Lake and Bear Lake, and any other waterway that serves as nesting habitat for
- 0817-019 Air boats Air boat use is increasing in the Copper River Delta area near Cordova. There is a need to re-examine guidelines on their use in this area to prevent impacts to and displacement of nesting birds and other wildlife.
- 0817-020 Birds Seabirds (albatrosses, shearwaters, petrels, fulmars, cormorants, jaegers, gulls, terns, alcids): Forty-five species of seabirds have been recorded in the Forest or on marine waters surrounding the Forest. Of these, 18 species are associated with marine waters and use upland areas above the high tide fine to establish breeding colonies; predominant colonial breeding species include the Tufted Puffin, Black-legged Kittiwake, and Common Murre. Numerous colonies are located within Prince William Sound and 6 colonies are occupied by more than 5,000 individual seabirds. Disturbance to colonies caused by increased boat activity could negatively affect productivity

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- 0817-022 Waterfowl (loons, grebes, swans, geese, ducks): Forty-six species of waterfowl have been recorded as winter residents or as spring or fall transients on freshwater wetlands of the Forest or on marine waters surrounding the Forest. The Copper River Delta provides critical habitat for breeding Dusky Canada Geese, which have declined dramatically in recent years, and important habitat for breeding Trumpeter Swans. Harlequin Ducks breed along streams throughout the Forest and the threatened Steller's Eider is a rare spring and winter visitant in Prince William Sound. Loon, grebe, and duck populations that winter in Prince William Sound number between 75,000 and 100,000 individuals. Increased boat activity in Prince William Sound could negatively affect foraging behavior of waterfowl,
- 0820-044 Vehicle Types & Suggested Points: Jetskis and Airboats: The use of certain recreational motorized vehicles is both popular and legitimate in most areas of Alaska. Some types of vehicles, however, should not be permitted on the forest. Both jet skis and airboats fall into this category. Jetskis are particularly obtrusive due to the nature of their noise and the speed with which they travel, upsetting wildlife and non-motorized boat users. Their sound travels a long distance over land as well. Airboats are also particularly obtrusive due to the nature of their noise, and can also have some serious environmental impacts. This is the case, for example, on the Placer and Twentymile Rivers where soil erosion on the riverbank is occurring due to airboat use.
- 0836-005 Eighteen species of seabirds are associated with marine waters and use upland areas of the Chugach National Forest, above the high tide line, to establish breeding colonies. Common colonial breeding species, include the tufted puffin, black-legged, kittiwake, and common murre. Numerous colonies are located within Prince William Sound and 6 colonies are occupied by over 5,000 individual seabirds. Disturbance to colonies caused by increased boat activity could negatively affect productivity and, over time, population size.
- 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.

