

Dear Forest Revision Staff,

I Brad LaRock live near the Carter/Crescent lakes trail and have enjoyed many winters of use in this area, for recreational enjoyment, hunting & fishing. I have lived in the Cooper Landing area for over 20 years

This letter is a Notice of Appeal filed pursuant to 36 CFR part 217, page 46 in the record of Decision.

The decision I am appealing is the Preferred Alternative as described in the FEIS and the resulting Revised Forest Plan, specifically areas available for motorized and non-motorized winter activity, with modifications as further described in the ROD, as stated on page 3 of the ROD.

The document in which the decision is contained is the Revised Land Resource Management Plan of the Chugach National Forest Record of Decision, R10 MB-80b. The date of the decision was May31, 2002 and the deciding Officer is Regional Forester Dennis E. Bschor.

Having gone to some of the meetings held in fall/winter of 2000, I was under the understanding at that there would be more public meeting addressing the status of the plan. I fell as thou I was deceived, and the Forest Service misrepresented there intensions to me.

The Carter/Crescent Lakes area is not a good area to close; it has very difficult access due to the nature of the trail; that being the trail is very steep with many switch backs, and the heavy amount of snow fall this area gets. Living within a ½ mile of the trail I have seen very little use by any other groups, I don't see how or why motorized and non-motorized groups can't both use this area, we have been doing it for years. I have used this area for many years and now you say I can't and for what reasons? I have looked at the Environmental Impacted Study and found nothing to support this decision. I saw nothing that takes in the account of the local business and the revenue the motorized community brings; in fuel, food, and lodging. Nor did I see what steps were taken to make new areas were the majority group (motorized) can have access to.

In the end I would implore you to look at this matter further. Pulling from your own documents, please keep in mine, **36 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 219. 12 Collaboration and cooperatively developed landscape goals** Also consider, **36 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 219.21 Social and Economic Suitability**. I feel that the decision to close this as well as all the other areas is not founded on nor based on sound data. **EIS Appendix K – Agency, Native, Government, Elected Officials letters. Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 2000-108 dated 11/21/00** – References Soldotna public meeting where over 200 people overwhelming supported no further snow machine closures also references the Forest Service that they have not completed any scientific studies to support closing any of the existing trails or trail heads to snow machines because of any major ecological or social conflicts. **The resolution was passed with a 9 to 0 vote.**

Thank You, Brad LaRock

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