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Hi Alison,

I can't be at tonite's meeting and would like to offer comment re ANILCA Section 1110(a). I understand several segments of the proposed trail cross into portions of the forest closed to motorized use. If the trail is built, it is proposed to restrict or prohibit access to these trail segments (specifically trails in Portage Valley and trail segments around Girdwood such as the Crow Pass and Winner Creek Trails) for motorized use, including snowmachines.

As a x-c skier and one who reveres my peace and quiet and clean air, I believe motorized use of trails in Girdwood and Portage valley are very detrimental to our natural resources which include my personal enjoyment of the forest. We need to be protect both wherever possible.

Just because someone has bought one of those overpriced, noisy machines doesn't necessarily give them the right to run it wherever there may be a trail. I know some snow machine owners are responsible people who believe in respecting quiet rights and natural resources, but they are few and far between. I don't believe there is a lobbyist in Juneau that represents the manufacturers of snowshoers and x/c skiers. I understand the snow machine lobby is a powerful one. Where is the equality here?

Thanks for dealing with this touchy subject. I hope you have a great holiday season!

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