To: USDA Forest Service
NFS-EMC Staff Barbara Timberlake

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 activities, 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 and Resource Management Plan of the Chugach National Forest Record of Decision, R10 MB-480b. The date of the decision was MAY 31, 2002 The Deciding Officer is Regional Forester Dennis E. Bschor

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The portion of the document I object to is the closing of Trail River Campground and the closing of Crescent Lake/Carter Lake areas to all motorized vehicle use in winter.

My home is adjacent to the trail river campground road and I have lived here since 1982. I use this road to ski, snowmachine and for dog mushing. My family and I are probably the most frequent ~~[illegible]~~ users of this road for winter recreation. I use snowmachines to groom skate ski trails and for Dog mushing trails. We also have picnics and ice skate on Kenai lake which this road accesses, by snowmachine. There is absolutely no reason this road should be included in any closure for motorized vehicles. I have never had any, or heard of any confrontations between recreational users. The first I

this closure was late September.

As a matter of fact, any skiers I have met on this road seem happy to have a groomed ski trail. Their seems to have been no public input as to whom this closure would affect. This is a road and has always been ~~multi~~ multi user friendly.

I moved to Alaska in 1974. I have been using the Carter/Crescent Lakes trail since about 1976 for skiing, snowmachining, dog mushing, bird hunting and fishing in winter. This area is heaven for multiuse recreation. Stopping winter motorized use in this area would make this a private playground for a select few skiers & snowshoers. The trail has a very steep incline for about 1-5 miles from the start of the trail. I have heard no complaints from users of this trail since most skiers seem to go to Manitoba which is a few miles north of Carter/Crescent trail and is a non motorized use area.

I personally know many of the employees working for the Chugach National Forest under Mike Kania the Forest Ranger. None of the people I have spoken to agree with this new forest plan. It would be to the best interest of the Forest Service to have listened to these employees and their concerns since many of them have worked on this forest for many years. Employees of the Chugach National Forest are not allowed to participate in any of these appeals.

In all the years I have lived in this area, there have not been many problems concerning forest use. There are a lot of people up in arms over this change, and would like to see this decision reversed.

Thank you for your time

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