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This letter is a notice of Appeal filed pursuant to 36 CFR parts 217, page 46 in the Record of Decision.

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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 Chugiak National Forest Record of Decision, R10 MB-480b. The Date of the decision was May 31, 2002 and the Deciding Officer is Regional Forester Dennis E. Bschor.

The specific portion of the document to which I object is:

- The closing of the Crescent / Carter Lake area to all winter motorized use
- The closing of the areas along the Sterling Highway and the Seward Highway from Cooper Landing to Summit Lake and Moose Pass to all motorized use
- The closing of Trail Lake Camp ground south of Moose Pass to all winter motorized use
- The closing of the area north of Summit Lake to all winter motorized use
- The closing of Russian Lakes Trail to Aspen Cabin to all winter motorized use

Being a resident, of Alaska, for 39 years, I have grown up trapping with my dad. All my life, I have used and been in all of these areas in the winter, with a motorized machine. I use the motorized machines for a source of income, in more than one way to provide for my family by trapping, hunting, fishing and logging for firewood. I feel I have done this in a low impact manner. I also feel there is plenty of land for all user groups to enjoy themselves in the Great Outdoors in Alaska.

With the closure of these areas, I will not be able to do any of the things I do to provide for my family and make a small income. The public should have been involved in the final stages of the Revision Process in March of 2001. Some areas are near the highway and are not quiet areas for skiing. A lot of these areas, are used by the local people, for winter activities for their families, fun, and winter events. Many Alaskan people depend on the resources available for survival and living from this great land.

This is a large state and plenty of land for everyone to be able to go outdoors and enjoy. Why should we change the way things were so we are not taking away peoples livelihood and enjoyment for all. This is the Last Frontier ALASKA, Why change it??

Please take a look at this from all prospective for *all*

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