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A217**Summit Lake Lodge, Inc.**

MILE 45½ SEWARD HWY. MOOSE PASS, ALASKA 99631

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USDA Forest Service
Attn: NFS – EMC Staff (Barbara Timberlake)
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Washington, D.C. 20250-1104

Dear Barbara:

I have recently reviewed the Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) for the Chugach National Forest. I would like to file a written notice of appeal on this decision.

What I am most concerned with, are the areas that are being closed to snow machines on the Kenai Peninsula. I live at and operate Summit Lake Lodge which is located at mile 45.5 of the Seward Hwy., Approx. 17 miles north of Moose Pass. Your plan calls for the closure of an area just north of the Lodge on the west side of the Hwy and an area just south of the Lodge on the east side of the Hwy. It also calls for the closure of the Carter and Crescent Lake area to snow machines. I do not understand the reasons behind this decision. Let's address the area north and south of the Lodge. I have personally snow machined in these areas for the past 17 years. If the reason to close the area is because another user group wishes to use it, why can it not be shared as it has been in the past. There is already a ski only area at Manitoba Mt., north of the Lodge.

I also understand that an economic study was to be done before these decisions were made, if one was done, why was I not contacted? I am the only business in this area and would feel the impact of these decisions the most, but I was not contacted for the study. One would think that our government would consider the impact of their decisions on the people and businesses that they will most affect. If there was an economic study done I would like to see a copy. Would you please send me one. I guess what concerns me most is that my government is making decisions that will affect my life and my business and they do not even contact me about their actions. The Forest Service knows of my location and of my business, yet no effort was made to get my opinion, the one that their decision affects the most!!! Have we gotten so impersonal.

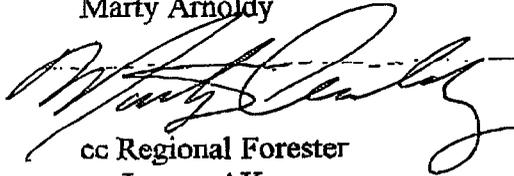
In conclusion, I must say I am absolutely against the decision to close these areas of the Forest to snow machines. It hurts my business and it is a shocking and dreadful decision

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to narrow the use in this manner. I have a lot of customers that use this area for both snow machining and skiing. They have in the past cohabitated very well. This decision was not made for the greater good of all the people using the forest. It has come at a very adverse time economically for my winter business. I fervently ask for an appeal of this decision. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Marty Arnoldy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Arnoldy", written over a horizontal dashed line.

cc Regional Forester
Juneau AK.