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This letter is a notice of appeal filed pursuant to 36 CFR part 217, page 46 in the record of decision. By
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The decision I am appealing is the preferred Alternative as described in the FEIS and the resulting Revised Forest Plan, including areas available for motorized and non motorized activities, with modifications as later described in the ROD, as stated on page 3 of the ROD.

The document in which I'm referring to is contained in the Revised Land and Resource Management Plan Record of the Decision, RIO MB -4806. Dennis E. Bschor was the deciding officer and Regional Forester dated May 31,2002.

There are several things in the plan that I object to, but the most objectionable is the fact that you didn't use public input that was provided my several groups to help with the motorized non motorized conflict.

1.I spent hundreds of hours on the plan and we talked in depth as to how to work out a time share armament but all was put aside in the final draft

I erg you to go back and look at what was worked out .For Mr. Gibbons to say that they thought it would be to hard to administer is not expectable.

2. The final plan has several area that are closed to motorized use that were not in any other draft plan that I can remember reviewing during the Planning sessions. These areas were apparently added to the nonmotorized areas at the direction of local District Ranger Michael Kania even after an overwhelming public demand to not have any closures.
The public did not get a chance to comment on the now closed areas.

3.The motorized users of the forest do share with all users and are willing to accept shared times and dividing areas for use. But you have to remember that the non motorized users are not the one that are locked out in fact there is not one acre that you are not allowed to walk in in this plan.

4. Also the economic facts have been glossed over as to the loss of income to the local business and to the forest service itself.

A point of fact is that input from local governments like Copper Landing, Moose Pass ,and Seward to name a few was ignored. 36 CFR 219.21

In closing to fix what I see as a unjust plan you must go back and look at what was done buy the opposing groups in there countless meetings to come up with a solution, and read the letters from local governments and resends the closures that are panding.

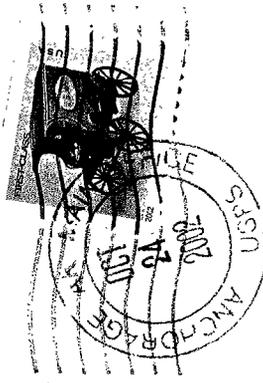
Thank you for taking my comments

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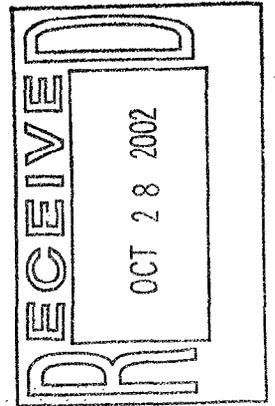

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