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Chugach National Forest
Supervisor's Office
Attn: Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Forest Plan Amendment
USDA Forest Service
161 East 1st Ave, Door 8
Anchorage, AK 99501

Submitted online at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=66715>

Re: Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Forest Plan Amendment

Dear Supervisor Schramm,

The State of Alaska (State) reviewed the proposed amendment to change the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Class at Trinity Point from Semi-Primitive Motorized to Roaded Natural. This amendment would affect roughly 35 acres of land at Trinity Point near the city of Whittier. This amendment to the 2020 Chugach National Forest Plan would correct the designation in compliance with Forest Service Manual 2300 Chapter 10 (Exhibit 01).

Staff from the State's Departments of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and Natural Resources (DNR) reviewed this proposal and offer the following comment.

The State is supportive of this change. A Roaded Natural designation is more fitting for the proximity to facilities and anticipated city developments. This will also help the Forest Service meet its multiple use mandate under the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act of 1960 and Congress' stated intent in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) to provide public lands for more intensive uses as well as conservation lands. By increasing lands available for road accessible recreational opportunities, the Forest Service achieves both of these directions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me at (907) 269-0880 or by email at Catherine.heroy@alaska.gov to coordinate any follow-up discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Heroy".

Catherine Heroy
Federal Program Manager

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