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Online Portal	M. Barker	Even though I live nearby, I have avoided using this area much in recent years due to concerns about public safety, trail damage due to motorized use and difficult access roads (i.e Eska Falls). Allowing multiple uses everywhere, especially motorized use, badly impacts the trails which are largely unsustainable. Shooting needs to be restricted. Trail heads need signage, designated parking areas and restrooms. Road side camping at Kings River /Matanuska River confluence needs to be contained by developing campsites and sanitary facilities. A comprehensive management plan, such as the Knik Public Use Area Management Plan, needs to be created and implemented through active management and dedicated funding.	Road side camping at Kings River /Matanuska River confluence needs to be contained by developing campsites and sanitary facilities.	Facilities	Campground
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Survey	Elaine Martin	Please allow multi use of all trails. Horse back riding, skiing, snowmachines and four wheeler access is essential. Please designate shooting area separate from trail heads for safety. Please maximize public access while protecting landowners safety. Please allow hunting for everyone. Please prohibit camping on Murphey road.	Please prohibit camping on Murphey road.	Facilities	Campground
Email	J. Winnestaffer	2 of 4: Highway safety: The Glenn Highway is the primary access road for users of the Moose Range and JPUA. Highway safety would be greatly increased by developing a separated pedestrian/bike/multi-modal pathway adjacent to the Glenn Highway for users of the Moose Range. This is a serious need from Palmer northeast to the Matanuska Glacier (and beyond). Trailheads: Trailheads need to be improved for the safety of users of the Moose Range. Many trailheads are used as informal 'toilet areas' and camping areas. This creates a human health issue when there are no porta-potties or vault toilets and instead there is human excrement all around a trailhead. Restrooms/toilets are needed. Trailheads need signage (including trail maps posted at trailheads) for the safety of users, so they know where the trail is supposed to go and they avoid private property. Trailheads that have a lot of users and are in desperate need of improvements for human health and safety include: Wendt Road, Murphy Road, JPUA, Eska Falls, Kings River, Permanente Trail, Chickaloon River, and Puritan Creek. Trailheads also need ample parking for the current users and projected growth of users in the next 20 years, including space for trucks with trailers to accommodate the busiest seasons. Trailhead parking should be made large enough that the safety hazards are reduced on the highway (currently the parking areas often cause highway dangers as trucks and trailers are slowly moved for parking, as users are unloading or loading trailers, etc.). Roadside signage announcing trailheads is needed and will also reduce highway safety hazards by alerting the highway drivers of possible slow vehicles turning in/out of trailheads.	Trailheads also need ample parking for the current users and projected growth of users in the next 20 years, including space for trucks with trailers to accommodate the busiest seasons. Trailhead parking should be made large enough that the safety hazards are reduced on the highway (currently the parking areas often cause highway dangers as trucks and trailers are slowly moved for parking, as users are unloading or loading trailers, etc.). Roadside signage announcing trailheads is needed and will also reduce highway safety hazards by alerting the highway drivers of possible slow vehicles turning in/out of trailheads.	Facilities	Parking

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Online Portal	R. Arno	The Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) supports the Legislatively Created Area (LDA) the Matanuska Valley Moose Range as passed in 1984. The Alaska legislature showed great foresight by creating the Moose Range to assure adequate moose habitat would be assured to help support local moose populations in GMU14A. The number of residents living in the Mat-Su Borough has more than doubled from the 41,093 population in 1984. Today the area is fairly road accessible to 75% of Alaska's residents to enjoy year around outdoor activities. AOC encourages DNR to pursue adding private lands and Mental Health lands within the boundary of the Moose Range to state owned lands whenever they become available for purchase. The State should vigorously negotiate with private land owners to obtain access sites for parking and trailhead access to improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation. Trail maintenance should be the responsibility of DNR to assure access is not unnecessarily restricted just because of heavy recreational trail use by the public. Concerns of user conflicts, safety and habitat impairment in the Jonesville area prompted the legislature to create a public use area (PUA) in 2017. No further restrictions to motorized use should be implemented by the Commissioner of DNR within the Jonesville PUA without first conducting trail rehabilitation in the way that minimizes damage maintain and enhance off-road motor vehicle options and opportunities. That is consistent with Sec. AS 41.23.284(d)(2). Nor should any further restrictions on firearms use be implemented within the Jonesville PUA by the commissioner under AS 41.23.284(c)(2) without documented data showing a clear threat to public safety. AOC is highly supportive of the creation of regulated shooting ranges under the supervision of ADF&G. AOC does not support adoption of DNR management plans for the Jonesville PUA restricting regulated public use under Generally Allowed Uses, 11 AAC 96.020. AOC applauds DNR's efforts to inform the outdoor public of the upcoming planning process for management of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range LDA and the Jonesville PUA, within the boundaries of the Moose Range. AOC looks forward to reviewing DNR's Draft plans when they are made public.	The State should vigorously negotiate with private land owners to obtain access sites for parking and trailhead access to improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation. Trail maintenance should be the responsibility of DNR to assure access	Facilities	Parking
Online Portal	R. Michaelson	The recreational area needs more access points for motorized and non-motorized users. Increased parking for users of the area.	The recreational area needs more access points for motorized and non-motorized users. Increased parking for users of the area.	Facilities	Parking
Survey	Jeff Kase	I would love to see a bigger cleaner parking area at Wendy an then a well marked non-motorized and motorized trail. There is room for all of us. The "ruts" /erosion is awe full to the point those trails become in usable.	I would love to see a bigger cleaner parking area at Wendy an then a well marked non-motorized and motorized trail.	Facilities	Parking
Survey	Allison Fry	I'd love it if there was a coordinated effort to work with Mat Su Ski Club for trail maintenance. Additionally, parking can be an issue at times.	Additionally, parking can be an issue at times.	Facilities	Parking
Survey	Casey Ayers	The rustic/rural trails are excellent for hiking with my dog, family, and friends. The Wendt trailhead is very accessible without the need for expansion or further development which would add extra cost to the Matsu Borough and an unnecessary management burden. We hiked/hunted small game an average of 4 to 5 days per week all winter long. The area is clean and free of litter with multiuse trails for hunters, snowmachines, hikers, cross country skiers, and fat tire bikes. Access from the north via Buffalo Mine Rd or Jonesville Mine Rd is more convenient for ATV's and thus has more motorized traffic. I'm concerned that expanding the parking off the access points closest to Palmer-Fishook would create extra ATV traffic beyond local use when there are already good location for folks that drive a little further north. There is also risk that the additional ATV traffic will adversely affect the Wasilla Creek drainage and wetlands in the area since the swamp can get pretty flooded.	The Wendt trailhead is very accessible without the need for expansion or further development which would add extra cost to the Matsu Borough and an unnecessary management burden. Access from the north via Buffalo Mine Rd or Jonesville Mine Rd is more convenient for ATV's and thus has more motorized traffic. I'm concerned that expanding the parking off the access points closest to Palmer-Fishook would create extra ATV traffic beyond local use when there are already good location for folks that drive a little further north.	Facilities	Parking

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>13 of 14: •On maps in the JPUA management plan proposed by the Sutton community and MSB, remove the section of "Wishbone Hill Strip Mine Trail" that is shown through wetlands; this is a winter-only trail. Keeping it on JPUA maps could encourage OHVs to seek out and further disturb this area. We noted this in our letters of October 20 and November 3, 2021. CVTC is aware of oral history and archaeological sites on Wishbone Hill. Trails and usage of this area needs to be</p> <p>planned, developed, and any future construction in consultation with CVTC; in consideration of cultural resources and Dene cultural heritage.</p> <p>•Shooting should be restricted to a level that respects the quality of life of the adjacent neighborhood. An indoor shooting range is preferred. If an outdoor range is created, it should face away from the neighborhood and have severely restricted days and hours of supervised operation– perhaps two to three days a week for 6 hours a day. This would be enough to satisfy the needs of residents. People from outside the community have many options of other existing ranges to choose from for additional hours of need.</p>	Shooting should be restricted to a level that respects the quality of life of the adjacent neighborhood. An indoor shooting range is preferred. If an outdoor range is created, it should face away from the neighborhood and have severely restricted days and hours of supervised operation– perhaps two to three days a week for 6 hours a day	Facilities	Shooting Range
Email	F. Norrsell	<p>3 of 3: Suggested actions to prevent further degradation of the resource:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Close trails to motorized use during spring break-up. * Establish weight/size restrictions for motorized vehicles. * Decrease use during late summer/fall, when trails often are wet and sensitive to erosion. One way to achieve this is to establish areas for non-motorized hunting. The area between Moose Creek and Wendt road is especially suitable for a non-motorized hunt. The numerous trailheads and relatively short distances in this area makes it very feasible to transport any harvest by non-motorized means. * Establish shooting ranges well away from residential areas, and restrict target practice in areas near residential housing. * Establish signs that promotes respectful use of the resource, and signs outlining restrictions. Enforcements of established restrictions are also needed, to prevent further degradation/destruction of the resources. <p>I appreciate the ongoing efforts to clean-up the Jonesville area. I hope actions can be taken promptly to prevent other areas in the Moose Range from becoming as degraded as the Jonesville area. By promoting responsible use now, hopefully future expensive clean-ups can be avoided.</p>	* Establish shooting ranges well away from residential areas, and restrict target practice in areas near residential housing.	Facilities	Shooting Range
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>7 of 14: Shooting</p> <p>The lack of a designated shooting area and lack of law enforcement has led to a dangerous situation in CNV's ancestral homelands, which includes the area around Jonesville. People coming from outside the local area come to the Jonesville Area to shoot guns at targets, at hillsides, at trash, at old vehicles, with all levels of firepower. The destruction left by OHV's, spent bullet casings, and other trash are a daily reality of living in this area. This destruction is not just limited to specific areas but is constantly expanding as OHV's become more powerful and trails are not maintained, leading to an increasing number of newly created trails and new shooting areas. Noise pollution due to shooting is a daily reality for residents of this area, which leads to a lower quality of life. Local families are avoiding this area, especially on weekends, due to the lack of safety this situation has created.</p> <p>In the JPUA management plan created by the Sutton community and MSB, there are two proposed areas to place shooting ranges. If placed in the proposed southern location, the noise would continue to reach neighborhoods. If placed in the northern location, the noise would be away from neighborhoods, but would fire directly into wetlands.</p>	The lack of a designated shooting area and lack of law enforcement has led to a dangerous situation in CNV's ancestral homelands, which includes the area around Jonesville.	Facilities	Shooting Range

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	8 of 14: It is recommended in the draft Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan (written by the borough and all interested parties) that there be a specific, designated, and safe shooting range developed with specified hours of use and established enforcement. A location near Slipper Lake might be ideal for year-round access. The location should shoot northward (as there are no residences that direction) and should limit shooting into banked hills on the sides by earthen dikes. There must be clear guidelines of use to ensure safety and to minimize noise pollution. There also must be hours of operation (with night- time hours as quiet). All other locations of the Moose Range should be closed to target shooting and skeet shooting and large explosives. There are too many people using the lands and very unsafe shooting is currently occurring. It is not a matter of if someone will be injured (or worse), but when it will happen.	It is recommended in the draft Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan (written by the borough and all interested parties) that there be a specific, designated, and safe shooting range developed with specified hours of use and established enforcement. A location near Slipper Lake might be ideal for year-round access. The location should shoot northward (as there are no residences that direction) and should limit shooting into banked hills on the sides by earthen dikes.	Facilities	Shooting Range
Online Portal	B. Privett	I'm an avid outdoorsman and Alaskan of fifty-four years. I hunt and fish and use atv's and snow machines. That being said, I am completely appalled with the reckless and unregulated shooting that is ongoing in Jonesville public use area. Shooting in an urban area needs to be organized and regulated. My recommendation is that you close it shooting altogether or set up a legitimate shooting range with hours and regulations. Assault rifle fire resonates throughout the residential areas of a Sutton at all hours and is a constant public nuisance. Police up all the garbage, Supply dumpsters, separate camping from the shooting and try to reign in the destructiveness of all the high performance atvs that defacing the public's land. The area is totally out of control- part of the public is making a beautiful place unsafe and unsightly while the other citizens are left with a poorly managed example of public land. Feel free to email or call me at XXX-XXX-XXXX. I would really like to see the area get turned around and operate to the satisfaction of all Alaskans. Thank you . Bruce Privett	I'm an avid outdoorsman and Alaskan of fifty-four years. I hunt and fish and use atv's and snow machines. That being said, I am completely appalled with the reckless and unregulated shooting that is ongoing in Jonesville public use area. Shooting in an urban area needs to be organized and regulated. My recommendation is that you close it shooting altogether or set up a legitimate shooting range with hours and regulations. Assault rifle fire resonates throughout the residential areas of a Sutton at all hours and is a constant public nuisance	Facilities	Shooting Range
Online Portal	C. Hesselbach	Public facilities (restrooms, dumpsters, picnic sites) are a must in the current post-pandemic age. Since the pandemic began, we have seen a significant increase in users of the State recreational and wilderness areas. Many of the already established public use facilities are barely or not keeping up with the growth. The moose range is a popular recreational zone that would benefit significantly from upgraded trailheads and the establishment of public facilities (bathrooms, waste disposal, established campsites, and picnic/rest areas). Please, consider the establishment of summertime motorized corridors and multi-use trails. This would provide users and managers with specific easements to focus trail-building resources on. Much like Eklutna Lake with its motorized corridor along the north shore, consider an alternating schedule between motorized users and non-motorized users for these trails. Additionally, a free established gun range in the area would be ideal for the safety of all users. Thank you for considering my comments.	Additionally, a free established gun range in the area would be ideal for the safety of all users.	Facilities	Shooting Range
Survey	Robert Caywood	Don't change anything unless you want to put in a gun range.	Don't change anything unless you want to put in a gun range.	Facilities	Shooting Range
Survey	Daniel Keim	Dumpsters for people to put their trash in all around slipper lake and the mine. A dedicated shooting range like the one in Fairbanks(on cushman st)where people can shoot in one spot and not have a mess everywhere. Road mantinance.	A dedicated shooting range like the one in Fairbanks(on cushman st)where people can shoot in one spot and not have a mess everywhere.	Facilities	Shooting Range
Survey	Heather Kelley	I recently moved from Alaska, but frequently walked and skied the trails in the Wendt Road area for the last 14 years. While walking the trails from the end of Wendt Road out to the wetland area I once had bullets shot in my direction, I could hear them "snapping" above me. It was quite frightening. My supposition was that people were target shooting along the larger trail that goes straight out from the trailhead, not realizing that there were other trails in the direction they were shooting. In my opinion, there is a need for a designated and well managed shooting area. I also recommend signs in areas that have previously been used for shooting that 1) indicate shooting is no longer permitted, 2) explain where shooting is allowed, and 3) clearly state the risk of shooting to users on adjacent trails.	My supposition was that people were target shooting along the larger trail that goes straight out from the trailhead, not realizing that there were other trails in the direction they were shooting. In my opinion, there is a need for a designated and well managed shooting area. I also recommend signs in areas that have previously been used for shooting that 1) indicate shooting is no longer permitted, 2) explain where shooting is allowed, and 3) clearly state the risk of shooting to users on adjacent trails.	Facilities	Shooting Range
Survey	Keeton Kroon	I think moose range is an incredible area to explore. I mostly use there area accessed from wendt road and do not go to other parts much. This area is best kept undeveloped for wildlife and recreation, but there also needs to be some regulation and designated area for shooting, atv travel and non motorized travel.	This area is best kept undeveloped for wildlife and recreation, but there also needs to be some regulation and designated area for shooting,	Facilities	Shooting Range

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Survey	Daniel Kenney	Make a safer shooting range. The problem is the haphazardness and the all hours of the day and night. Also, plans to have ATV usage so the trails don't get decimated. Need controls like we have on the highways so we don't end up with further erosion.	Make a safer shooting range. The problem is the haphazardness and the all hours of the day and night.	Facilities	Shooting Range
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Survey	Jerry Loftus	The random shooting and litter is a real problem. Designate a specific area or develop a shooting range as Jim Creek did.	The random shooting and litter is a real problem. Designate a specific area or develop a shooting range as Jim Creek did.	Facilities	Shooting Range
Survey	Megan Danz	This is an amazing winter playground. I appreciate all of the volunteers that keep the trails groomed and free of downfall and debris and hope they have compensation (grants) to pay for gas, equipment and time. I would like to see a focused place for shooting so it feels safe.	I would like to see a focused place for shooting so it feels safe.	Facilities	Shooting Range
Written	C. Overby	Forestry restricts burning when its too dry, but no one restricts ATVs when it's too wet and they are free to do their damage with no consequences. People shoot nonstop especially weekends and Sundays. Maybe Sunday could be set aside for some peace and quiet. Good luck trying to enforce any of this because its almost impossible to legislate common sense to people who have none.	People shoot nonstop especially weekends and Sundays. Maybe Sunday could be set aside for some peace and quiet	Facilities	Shooting Range
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	12 of 14: •The looser restrictions of a High Use Area should not be expanded throughout the JPUA. The JPUA proposes different levels of restrictions and enforcement within the boundaries of the Public Use Area. If these are in place, the hierarchy of levels of management would be, from least to most restrictive: JPUA High Use Area, JPUA general area, MVMR general area, JPUA "Public Use Sites" (special sites deserving the highest protections). We agree that the JPUA outside of the High Use Area should have more restrictions on activity than the MVMR outside the JPUA. •OHV's should be restricted to existing trails. Maintaining trails is part of good stewardship. Hand-brushing of trails should be allowed, but creating, widening, or improving trails should go through the Trails Management Process. Basic trail maintenance and signage is essential to protecting against further environmental degradation of the area, since trails that are not maintained will lead OHV users to created new, non-authorized trails. Each of the trails discussed in the proposal has the possibility of being constructed on top of Dene trails. Tribal consultation needs to be acquired for each phase of the trails management plan. A priority should be placed on protecting wetland and other sensitive areas. Vehicle weight limits, and types of vehicles, should be imposed and enforced.	Basic trail maintenance and signage is essential to protecting against further environmental degradation of the area, since trails that are not maintained will lead OHV users to created new, non-authorized trails.	Facilities	Signs

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Email	J. Winnestaffer	<p>3 of 4: Trail signage: Public trails within the Moose Range should be posted with signs along the trail, so users know where the trail is located and they avoid going onto private property, for everyone's safety and well-being. Trails that cross private property should have attention from DNR, with possible outcomes of rerouting the trail onto public land or closing the trail completely.</p> <p>Trails: Trails within the Moose Range need attention for human safety. Allowable trail uses should be defined and dis-allowed uses must be clearly explained at every trailhead. There are user conflicts between type of use within the Moose Range, and this is a human safety issue. Several trail uses often make trails in the Moose Range unusable by other uses because of the impact to the trail. For example, using heavy, motorized vehicles with winches to get through wetland areas of a trail can make it impossible for hikers, bicycles, horses and 4-wheers to pass safely through that same place. Trails in the Moose Range have deteriorated since 1986 to the point where most of the trails have a narrower group of user types because of the degradation. No new motorized trails should be permitted within the Moose Range. Use of motorized vehicles in the spring, summer and autumn should be limited to existing trails. Trails should be maintained, repaired, and improved for the allowable users. In JPUA, a non-motorized, sustainably-built hiking trail up the north side of Wishbone Hill (using stairs in some places—like the West Butte Trail) would be a wonderful addition to the hiking trail options in the Moose Range and in the borough! Upper Moose Creek drainage and Upper Granite Creek drainage should both be off-limits to motorized vehicles except snowmachines in the winter (as was previously written in the 1986 Moose Range Plan).</p> <p>Camping: Camping areas in the Moose Range should be developed, improved and increased for human safety. Toilets, handwashing, safe burn pits, garbage collection, and suitable locations of camping all relate directly to human safety in the Moose Range.</p>	<p>Public trails within the Moose Range should be posted with signs along the trail, so users know where the trail is located and they avoid going onto private property, for everyone's safety and well-being.</p>	Facilities	Signs

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Email	R. Bailey	<p>My name is Randy Bailey and I own 120 acre parcel at the end of Buffalo Mine Road. I was born and raised in Alaska. I have spent many years traveling trails all over Alaska on my horses. The property that I own was previously owned by Len Melton and prior to him the land was used by the farmers in the Mat Su Valley for grazing their livestock.</p> <p>I have made improvements to my property with fencing that allows my horses and mules to graze from spring to fall every year. My property borders the wetlands and we have a private bridge that crosses Moose Creek.</p> <p>This fall during moose hunting season we had some bad actors blazed a trail down my fence line with a Fat Truck. They crossed Moose Creek multiple times and ran across the wetlands to the upper wet lands and Moose Creek canyon. They decided to run the Fat Truck down the canyon - what a stupid decision they made. No normal person would have ever tried that. So after they got stuck in the canyon and having killed three moose (only one of the moose was legal) they are unable to get back out. So they then brought in a D5 Dozer wide track to cross Moose Creek multiple times and cross the wetlands and try to retrieve the Fat Truck from the valley with the Dozer. They made a 10' swath - tearing up everything in their path. They were so arrogant as to kill illegal moose and then doze a road back to get their rig and illegal moose out. Now we will have a steady stream of people trying to use that makeshift road with their rigs/atvs. Alaska is known for its pilots who hunt and it is visible from the air - so now we will have all kinds of people showing up to use the new road to hunt back in the moose range. We need help to keep this area non motorized. Our private bridge is vandalized regularly and our signs are shot up. The moose population is down due to the numerous cow permits given out each year. We need help with clearly marked signs that Moose Creek is a salmon bearing stream and is not to be crossed under any circumstance. We have tried to keep this area as pristine as when we bought it 27 years ago. Please Help!!</p>	We need help with clearly marked signs that Moose Creek is a salmon bearing stream and is not to be crossed under any circumstance.	Facilities	Signs
Online Portal	C. Larson	<p>1. Make the Moose Range a family and recreation area. 2. Keep ATV on trails and allow use. Do not allow Jeeps or excessive large UTV. 3. Do not allow fire arms within the Moose Range. 4. Mark trails and have a map for , bikes, ATV, ski, hikers, camp ground riles, etc.</p>	Mark trails and have a map for , bikes, ATV, ski, hikers, camp ground riles, etc.	Facilities	Signs
Survey	Rhett Buchanan	<p>I enjoy hunting within the M.R., and safe firearm target practice away from trailheads. I know of one very close call where a friend had bullets zinging over his head by a careless target shooter. Only a minority of shooters have unsafe practices, and they should be called out by "their own people." Signage produced in cooperation with the NRA, Ruffed Grouse Society, and Resident Hunters of Alaska may be helpful in this regard. The same principle holds true for off-road vehicle use. I suspect there are ATV clubs in Alaska that have a vested interest in education about ethical trail usage.</p> <p>In general, I am impressed by how well mixed user groups get along (at least on the western side of the range, where I primarily recreate). As a biker/skier who also hunts/shoots, I appreciate the opportunity to engage in all these activities close to my home. I also understand that having volunteer trail groomers necessitates motorized vehicle use.</p>	Only a minority of shooters have unsafe practices, and they should be called out by "their own people." Signage produced in cooperation with the NRA, Ruffed Grouse Society, and Resident Hunters of Alaska may be helpful in this regard. The same principle holds true for off-road vehicle use. I suspect there are ATV clubs in Alaska that have a vested interest in education about ethical trail usage.	Facilities	Signs
Survey	Mary F Barker	<p>I have not recreated in this area as much in recent years due to motorized activity, shooting and lack of moderate hiking/skiing trails. Wayfinding signs would help to increase my activities in the area. For now, I primarily recreate with people who know the area.</p>	I have not recreated in this area as much in recent years due to motorized activity, shooting and lack of moderate hiking/skiing trails. Wayfinding signs would help to increase my activities in the area.	Facilities	Signs

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Survey	Rhonda Stark	I love that so many people enjoy recreating in the moose range. And also am pleased to see some focus on the area to maybe improve the situation. The user numbers are growing and that is causing some friction and even some safety issues. Not to mention increased lawlessness. Also, signage is a bit of a waste as there is a 'user group' that makes it their mission to destroy all signs. A great majority of the trail damage has been caused by heavy off trail rigs - albeit many that are licensed street vehicles out bogging. Unless we have an extended dry spell during the summer the trails are pretty much troughs of mud and water greatly hampering most other summer uses. Winter though still allows for much varied use and that is when we spend much of our time enjoying the trails and off trail. We hike, dog walk, xc ski, snow shoe and snow machine - snow machining mostly off trail up in foothills and very very mindful and cautious when on a trail.	signage is a bit of a waste as there is a 'user group' that makes it their mission to destroy all signs.	Facilities	Signs
Survey	Susan Skvorc	I would like continued mt bike access at Eska falls trail exclusive of Atv trails. More directional signage would be good, especially along trails accessed from Wendt road or Murphy road.	More directional signage would be good, especially along trails accessed from Wendt road or Murphy road.	Facilities	Signs
Survey	Terry Slaven	I've enjoyed the mostly pleasant way in which various users have managed to share this area resource. In my experience, I've found snow mobilers and hunters to be considerate users of this area. I hope this can continue. I would appreciate more signage in the area- as getting lost is not difficult to do out here. I would like the access road to Eska Falls trailhead to be significantly improved.	I would appreciate more signage in the area- as getting lost is not difficult to do out here	Facilities	Signs
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Survey	Isaac Rowland	The Wendt side trails are essentially un-useable for non-motorized traffic through much of the summer. This is disappointing as a local resident. I also volunteer as a trail groomer in the winter, and also spend much of the early winter trying to fix the ruts frozen in place during the fall. Although I don't wish to stop motorized traffic, some split motorized / non-motorized routes may be of value. I tend to view interpretive / warning signs off the road as a different form of litter, particularly since they tend to get vandalized. Limited trail signs and trailhead maps are of value. I also found the Moose Range lacks functional protection in other ways. A new development around Mi 7.8 on Palmer Fishhook was directly draining large quantities of stormwater runoff into the wetlands during the summer of 2022. It flooded a trailhead and silted in wetlands, but there didn't appear to be a reporting mechanism.	I tend to view interpretive / warning signs off the road as a different form of litter, particularly since they tend to get vandalized. Limited trail signs and trailhead maps are of value	Facilities	Signs
Survey	David VanCleve	I would like MVMR planning to provide information resources and expertise to local community councils to promote the development of a sustainable, ecologically friendly, visitor based economy. An example would be access and trail development with concomitant regulations to prevent user conflicts, degradation of resources, and wildland values. Active promotion of the natural beauty of our small part of the Matanuska Valley and the importance of its preservation could be encouraged with durable interpretive signage along trails. The natural history of the abundant wildlife, the composition of verdant landscape and plant communities, descriptions of the work of geologic and orogenic forces, and the stories behind discovered antiquities and more could be explained. I believe capturing the imagination of the residents of Sutton, Chickaloon, and the local native population with its corporate resources could result in managed development of a sustainable and clean recreational economy.	Active promotion of the natural beauty of our small part of the Matanuska Valley and the importance of its preservation could be encouraged with durable interpretive signage along trails. The natural history of the abundant wildlife, the composition of verdant landscape and plant communities, descriptions of the work of geologic and orogenic forces, and the stories behind discovered antiquities and more could be explained.	Facilities	Signs

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Email	P. Praetorius	<p>3 OF 3: Nonmotorized when the ground is frozen and snow covered</p> <p>Some might argue that motorized vehicles should be allowed when the ground is frozen and not subject to damage from motorized vehicles. This argument fails to recognize the rights of nonmotorized users. The Mat-Su Ski Club and numerous volunteer groomers have since around 2006 groomed an extensive network of trails (see attached map). Motor vehicles (e.g. snow machines, ATVs, large track vehicles) damage groomed trails, which prevents other users from fully appreciating and enjoying these trails. Skiers and fat tire bicyclists come from all over Southcentral Alaska to enjoy the trails in the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range. Thinking long-term, designating this area as nonmotorized will create a premier winter recreation area. Conclusion</p> <p>The western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range is a small portion of the 130,000 acre Matanuska Moose Range – smaller, even, than the Jonesville Public Use Area. Those wishing to enjoy the Moose Range with motorized vehicles will still have a huge area to recreate, and the bulk of the area open to motorized recreation will be on ground that is better drained and more appropriate to motorized travel. To facilitate motorized recreation, DNR, along with the Mat-Su Borough, should consider creating a parking lot at the beginning of the Usibelli pioneer road on the Glenn Highway. This would provide easy access to much of the Moose range, including the Jonesville Public Use Area.</p>	The western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range is a small portion of the 130,000 acre Matanuska Moose Range – smaller, even, than the Jonesville Public Use Area. Those wishing to enjoy the Moose Range with motorized vehicles will still have a huge area to recreate, and the bulk of the area open to motorized recreation will be on ground that is better drained and more appropriate to motorized travel. To facilitate motorized recreation, DNR, along with the Mat-Su Borough, should consider creating a parking lot at the beginning of the Usibelli pioneer road on the Glenn Highway. This would provide easy access to much of the Moose range, including the Jonesville Public Use Area.	Facilities	Trailheads

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Online Portal	C. Hesselbach	Public facilities (restrooms, dumpsters, picnic sites) are a must in the current post-pandemic age. Since the pandemic began, we have seen a significant increase in users of the State recreational and wilderness areas. Many of the already established public use facilities are barely or not keeping up with the growth. The moose range is a popular recreational zone that would benefit significantly from upgraded trailheads and the establishment of public facilities (bathrooms, waste disposal, established campsites, and picnic/rest areas). Please, consider the establishment of summertime motorized corridors and multi-use trails. This would provide users and managers with specific easements to focus trail-building resources on. Much like Eklutna Lake with its motorized corridor along the north shore, consider an alternating schedule between motorized users and non-motorized users for these trails. Additionally, a free established gun range in the area would be ideal for the safety of all users. Thank you for considering my comments.	Many of the already established public use facilities are barely or not keeping up with the growth. The moose range is a popular recreational zone that would benefit significantly from upgraded trailheads and the establishment of public facilities (bathrooms, waste disposal, established campsites, and picnic/rest areas).	Facilities	Trailheads
Public Meeting	T. Rafferty	I just wanted to comment specifically about the Wendt road access area for the moose range. I have been a user of that area and it seems like lack of management has created a lot of opportunity for user conflicts and it would be nice if in the future plan they kind of looked at what the users are and a way to manage the area to reduce those conflicts so that everyone can get out there and enjoy the space.	I just wanted to comment specifically about the Wendt road access area for the moose range. I have been a user of that area and it seems like lack of management has created a lot of opportunity for user conflicts and it would be nice if in the future plan they kind of looked at what the users are and a way to manage the area to reduce those conflicts so that everyone can get out there and enjoy the space.	Facilities	Trailheads
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Survey	Patricia Owens	I think it is important to provide recreational opportunities for everyone, but not at the cost of decreasing or eliminating wildlife habitat. I would prefer the moose range have only a few points of access (trails) and a few managed campgrounds. It's difficult to control the number of users in a particular area, but often the size and type of trailhead parking can control the number of users on the trails. The number of users on a trail has a huge impact on the wildlife and the quality of the trail experience for all trail users. The moose range is a wild place and should be allowed to remain that way as much as possible. Maybe defining areas where high impact recreation is allowed and areas where only low impact recreation is allowed would help create the experience we are looking for. I just hope the plan can help stop the destruction of the trails and the land and create a family friendly environment for those seeking to recreate there.	I would prefer the moose range have only a few points of access (trails) and a few managed campgrounds. It's difficult to control the number of users in a particular area, but often the size and type of trailhead parking can control the number of users on the trails. The number of users on a trail has a huge impact on the wildlife and the quality of the trail experience for all trail users. Maybe defining areas where high impact recreation is allowed and areas where only low impact recreation is allowed would help create the experience we are looking for.	Facilities	Trailheads
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Survey	Lisbeth Jackson	This area needs restrooms and better parking at Wendt Road. Shooting guns and target practice needs to stop as the number of people using the trails has greatly increased over the years. The trails need to be protected from the monster trucks at all times - they are just too big and tear up the trails too much and destroy bridges and other parts of the trails.. Other ATV's are hard on the trails when it is very wet as well - and with the rain we have had this year has made them unusable for bikers as the ruts are too deep. This is a beautiful area - thank you for helping keep it beautiful and safe.	This area needs restrooms and better parking at Wendt Road.	Facilities	Trailheads

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Survey	April Miranda	I would say the first order of action should be taking care of illegal dumping at Jonesville. I am not in support of developing facilities and signage that brings more people to the Moose range.	I am not in support of developing facilities and signage that brings more people to the Moose range.	Facilities	
Survey	Sean Logan	Leave it natural, do not add extra infrastructure.	Leave it natural, do not add extra infrastructure.	Facilities	
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	1 of 14: Chickaloon Native Village (CNV) is a federally recognized Ahtna Dene (Athabascan) Tribe governed by Chickaloon Village Traditional Council (CVTC), which strives to maintain and foster our traditional culture, protect our homelands through responsibility, conserve and develop our natural resources, and ensure our sovereign rights are upheld. Our ancestral territory includes much of Southcentral Alaska including upper Cook Inlet, and our traditional area of influence overlaps neighboring Dene Dena'ina and Ahtna Tribes. Actions that occur within CNV's traditional ancestral territory and customary area may impact our environment, our cultural resources, and the health of our Tribal citizens and community members.		History/Cultural	

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>12 of 14: •The looser restrictions of a High Use Area should not be expanded throughout the JPUA. The JPUA proposes different levels of restrictions and enforcement within the boundaries of the Public Use Area. If these are in place, the hierarchy of levels of management would be, from least to most restrictive: JPUA High Use Area, JPUA general area, MVMR general area, JPUA “Public Use Sites” (special sites deserving the highest protections). We agree that the JPUA outside of the High Use Area should have more restrictions on activity than the MVMR outside the JPUA.</p> <p>•OHV’s should be restricted to existing trails. Maintaining trails is part of good stewardship. Hand-brushing of trails should be allowed, but creating, widening, or improving trails should go through the Trails Management Process. Basic trail maintenance and signage is essential to protecting against further environmental degradation of the area, since trails that are not maintained will lead OHV users to created new, non-authorized trails. Each of the trails discussed in the proposal has the possibility of being constructed on top of Dene trails. Tribal consultation needs to be acquired for each phase of the trails management plan. A priority should be placed on protecting wetland and other sensitive areas. Vehicle weight limits, and types of vehicles, should be imposed and enforced.</p>	Tribal consultation needs to be acquired for each phase of the trails management plan	History/Cultural	

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>13 of 14: •On maps in the JPUA management plan proposed by the Sutton community and MSB, remove the section of "Wishbone Hill Strip Mine Trail" that is shown through wetlands; this is a winter-only trail. Keeping it on JPUA maps could encourage OHVs to seek out and further disturb this area. We noted this in our letters of October 20 and November 3, 2021. CVTC is aware of oral history and archaeological sites on Wishbone Hill. Trails and usage of this area needs to be</p> <p>planned, developed, and any future construction in consultation with CVTC; in consideration of cultural resources and Dene cultural heritage.</p> <p>•Shooting should be restricted to a level that respects the quality of life of the adjacent neighborhood. An indoor shooting range is preferred. If an outdoor range is created, it should face away from the neighborhood and have severely restricted days and hours of supervised operation— perhaps two to three days a week for 6 hours a day. This would be enough to satisfy the needs of residents. People from outside the community have many options of other existing ranges to choose from for additional hours of need.</p>	CVTC is aware of oral history and archaeological sites on Wishbone Hill. Trails and usage of this area needs to be planned, developed, and any future construction in consultation with CVTC; in consideration of cultural resources and Dene cultural heritage.	History/Cultural	
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>2 of 14: The areas within the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (MVMR), and the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA) have been part of the traditional land use region of the Ahtna and Dena'ina People for longer than written record. Traditional stewardship of this area included selective burning of trees to reduce wildfires, maintain trails, and promote shrub growth for ungulates; harvesting of fish sustainably for food and trade; and harvesting plants in a manner that promoted more plant growth of desired species. Our relationship with the land and waters is deeply rooted in respect and reciprocity, permission, and consent. Despite colonization and the private sale of traditional lands, CVTC continues to responsibly steward the area, as evidenced by Moose Creek restoration projects, stream water quality monitoring, active participation on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife commission, and archaeological surveys.</p> <p>The purpose of the MVMR is to "maintain, improve and enhance moose populations and habitat and other wildlife resources of the area, and to perpetuate public multiple use of the area...". The purpose of the JPUA is to "create a family-friendly recreation area".</p>	Traditional stewardship of this area included selective burning of trees to reduce wildfires, maintain trails, and promote shrub growth for ungulates; harvesting of fish sustainably for food and trade; and harvesting plants in a manner that promoted more plant growth of desired species. Our relationship with the land and waters is deeply rooted in respect and reciprocity, permission, and consent. Despite colonization and the private sale of traditional lands, CVTC continues to responsibly steward the area, as evidenced by Moose Creek restoration projects, stream water quality monitoring, active participation on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife commission, and archaeological surveys.	History/Cultural	
Email	J. Winnestaffer	<p>4 of 4: DNR should manage the Moose Range and JPUA for Moose, other wildlife and community.</p> <p>Moose habitat and sensitive habitats: sensitive habitats in the Moose Range should be protected and motorized use should be prohibited from crossing all wetlands, anadromous streams, and alpine habitats (unless it is winter and these habitats are protected by freezing and snow). The alpine habitat at the top of Wishbone Hill should be strictly non-motorized as it is very sensitive to disruption. Except for snowmachines, motorized use in all alpine and wetland areas should be only on pre-existing trails (with no motorized trail expansion allowed).</p> <p>Indigenous knowledge: The state should consult with Chickaloon Native Village about cultural sites for their protection (and research) in advance of any and all tree clearing, brushing, and ground surface disturbance. The Indigenous Tribal governments should be invited to participate in decision-making including about the land, animals and habitats.</p> <p>JPUA Management Plan: The community-written JPUA Management Plan that was approved by the Sutton Community Council, the Mat-Su Borough Planning Commission, and the Mat-Su Borough Assembly should be used as a starting point for the DNR management plan for JPUA. The community-written JPUA Management Plan was done following an open-meeting process (to which DNR was invited over and over) and it was developed by Alaskans for Alaskans. It is ridiculous for DNR to start over, when a solid starting point has been developed already.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments and concerns.</p>	Indigenous knowledge: The state should consult with Chickaloon Native Village about cultural sites for their protection (and research) in advance of any and all tree clearing, brushing, and ground surface disturbance. The Indigenous Tribal governments should be invited to participate in decision-making including about the land, animals and habitats.	History/Cultural	

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	6 of 14: Off-highway vehicles Since the original release of the plan, the population of Southcentral Alaska has vastly expanded, creating additional pressures on land and resources in the area. With this has come a tremendous increase in the number of off-highway vehicles (OHVs, including ATVs, side-by-sides, jeeps, and trucks) within the MVMR. Particularly on weekends, hundreds of people arrive in Sutton with OHVs, widening existing trails and creating new, unauthorized trails, leading to the degradation of tundra, waters, wetlands, and likely to the destruction of cultural artifacts. Although the area is known to have been heavily used by Dene' people, no comprehensive archaeological surveys of this area have been conducted. Extensive OHV use has eaten away at hillsides and vegetation, potentially exposing cultural artifacts to theft and weather, and making these areas muddy, unpleasant places for non-motorized recreation. Many Tribal and local citizens no longer walk and cannot safely ride horses on trails due to torn-up ground, deep mud, or because of the presence of OHVs and associated noise. Areas that are particularly sensitive to recreational activities should have restrictions on use. For instance, the top of Wishbone Hill has very sensitive vegetation and should be off-limits to all motorized vehicles. This area should have a non-motorized hiking trail developed to access this world-class view, however the foot traffic should also be isolated to a designated trail (instead of completely open for exploration) due to the sensitive vegetation. All wetlands are sensitive and should be closed to motorized vehicles until freeze up. CVTC can recommend other sensitive areas.	Although the area is known to have been heavily used by Dene' people, no comprehensive archaeological surveys of this area have been conducted.	History/Cultural	
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Email	R. Howard	1 of 2: Thanks for the opportunity to comment! I served on the MSB Trails Committee in the late 80's and early 90's along with Austin Helmers, my mentor. We were also founding members of the Mat Su Trails Council. I served as Chair of Knik River Watershed Group and did USFWS grant work in the Knik. KRWG has been a member of the MatSu Salmon and Science Partnership and I have presented at the symposium, as well as participating in more conservation groups. My primary concerns include the JPUA's speculative changes, outside the legislative area boundaries, to the State's Mat Valley Moose Range Plan. It has been made clear several times that DNR is not participating significantly. Further, it is confirmed that the Moose Range Plan remains fully in effect. Modeled on the Knik River Public Use Area plan, the JPUA is banking on the same unenforceable concept to protect sensitive habitats. It is impractical to rely on Troopers to do so. Signage is promptly destroyed, education efforts fail. Without active management and sufficient enforcement, sustainability of salmon habitat and more remains under continuous erosion. Recognizing this, MVMR Planners, in their wisdom, specified 'winter travel only for motor vehicles' along with setbacks for streams and wetlands. Well scoped and developed Plans should not be dismissed simply on the basis of being 'old'. (Please see attachment 'Public Involvement', page 229 of the Moose Range Plan, and compare this to the JPUA scoping and also to the level of Wasilla Creek Headwaters Trail public involvement.)	My primary concerns include the JPUA's speculative changes, outside the legislative area boundaries, to the State's Mat Valley Moose Range Plan. It has been made clear several times that DNR is not participating significantly. Further, it is confirmed that the Moose Range Plan remains fully in effect. Modeled on the Knik River Public Use Area plan, the JPUA is banking on the same unenforceable concept to protect sensitive habitats. It is impractical to rely on Troopers to do so. Signage is promptly destroyed, education efforts fail. Without active management and sufficient enforcement, sustainability of salmon habitat and more remains under continuous erosion. Recognizing this, MVMR Planners, in their wisdom, specified 'winter travel only for motor vehicles' along with setbacks for streams and wetlands. Well scoped and developed Plans should not be dismissed simply on the basis of being 'old'.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Email	M. Brown (MSB)	1 of 2: The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Borough) is keenly interested in the Moose Range and Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan update. The Moose Range and Jonesville areas provide year around recreational opportunities for Borough residents and visitors alike, and also provides vital habitat for fish and wildlife. The Borough supports the Division of Mining, Land, & Water (DNR) efforts to update the Moose Range plan, while also incorporating the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan. As DNR is aware, the Borough has contributed significant time, resources, and effort in the Moose Range, specifically in the Jonesville and west Moose Range portions. In December of 2021, the Borough Assembly unanimously adopted the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan. This was the culmination of a multi-year robust planning effort led by concerned citizens in the Sutton/Jonesville Area and the Borough Land & Resource Management Division. The community and Borough drafted the JPUA plan following the outline and planning process of the State's Knik River Public Use Area. During the planning process the community and Borough were able to engage and receive buy-in from citizens and stakeholders from numerous different user groups, many of which had competing interests. This resulted with a Borough adopted JPUA plan that is representative of the needs, concerns, and wishes of the various stakeholders and community members. Like any plan, the Borough adopted JPUA plan is not perfect, but it is an accurate illustration of various interest and user groups working together and compromising for the common good of the community. The Borough strongly recommends DNR incorporate the Borough adopted JPUA plan with minor, if any substantial changes into the Moose Range plan.	The Borough strongly recommends DNR incorporate the Borough adopted JPUA plan with minor, if any substantial changes into the Moose Range plan.	MGMT/Policy Recs	

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Email	K. Hopp	2 of 2: I have experienced an incident of a snowmachine tipping over barely missing falling on the driver AND within a foot my bike front tire - this occurred even though I had stepped up onto the side bank (dragging my bike up the bank into the deep snow) as well as the driver moving at reasonable speed. I have been involved in securing and utilizing funding to support Moose Range winter grooming with the Mat Su Ski Club (over 6000 miles to date) the Jessica Stephens Foundation, Buffalo Mine Community Council Revenue Share and Mat Su Trail Council. Mat Su Ski club has had over a dozen volunteer groomers and dozens more clearing trails - over 200 trees in 2 weeks by known count in our last wind event alone. Recent decision to displace the bridges used for our grooming as these provide early access before the creeks freeze. When a large vehicle crush the early ice NO user group have access until feet of snow fall - I have great concern about the "fords" chosen to allow more and more vehicle damage. I feel the reasonable, sustainable, affordable decision would be to segregate motor use to the Moose Range area east of Moose Creek onto the hardened road/trails of the higher ground (with all those beautiful ridges) . It is time to enforce reasonable use to protect a resource to benefit all. This seems to have worked at Jim Creek and is the job of your department to pursue this at the opportunity we have now.	I feel the reasonable, sustainable, affordable decision would be to segregate motor use to the Moose Range area east of Moose Creek onto the hardened road/trails of the higher ground (with all those beautiful ridges) . It is time to enforce reasonable use to protect a resource to benefit all. This seems to have worked at Jim Creek and is the job of your department to pursue this at the opportunity we have now.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
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Email	P. Praetorius	2 of 3: Designating the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range as nonmotorized would benefit not only those who use the trails for nonmotorized recreation, but such a designation would also benefit those hunters who, for economic or personal reasons, choose not to use ATVs when hunting. Not surprisingly, because of our typical fall rains, hunters have contributed to a lot of the damage to our trails. Thus, a nonmotorized designation would prevent damage to the area trails and would also serve an equitable function by creating a nonmotorized hunting area close to the majority of Alaska's population. Finally, designating the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range as nonmotorized while the ground is thawed will allow groups such as a Backcountry Horsemen of Alaska and the Valley Mountain Bikers and Hikers to apply for grants to remediate and improve the area's trails. There is plenty of grant money available for trail work in the Mat-Su, but no grantor will provide money if the trails will simply be destroyed by continued motorized use.	Finally, designating the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range as nonmotorized while the ground is thawed will allow groups such as a Backcountry Horsemen of Alaska and the Valley Mountain Bikers and Hikers to apply for grants to remediate and improve the area's trails. There is plenty of grant money available for trail work in the Mat-Su, but no grantor will provide money if the trails will simply be destroyed by continued motorized use.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
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Email	E. VandeVisse	I totally support this process and PURPOSE: Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA). I am a concerned resident and neighbor, and have followed the progress of the Jonesville Management Plan. It has taken years, with delays and thoughtful input. This current version of the JPUA is good. It addresses urgent problems of dangerous shooting, trashing, noise, and lawlessness. We have much re-education, remediation, and repair to do to this once-beautiful area. We have great need to insure new protective rules and funding for enforcement. Our population has grown and grown, but we still have the same amount of land in which to enjoy our natural beauty and wildlife. And those are just remnants, and uncontrolled use has devastated those precious areas. Meanwhile, the pressures to develop everything into pavement and houses-- are soaring. We must have the good sense and forethought to protect and RESTORE what little we have left in the Moose Range area. I urge you to quickly, and without any major change, approve and adopt the Update for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range) Management Plan. Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA), which is entirely within the Moose Range. Please do this without picky delays or political pettiness. Thank you so much for including the above in all public testimony records,	I urge you to quickly, and without any major change, approve and adopt the Update for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range) Management Plan. Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA), which is entirely within the Moose Range.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Email	P. Owens	Is there any chance you will be having a public meeting in Palmer? I have to believe that the majority of the public using the moose range come from the Palmer area. I worked on the Jonesville plan (the one done by the Sutton community council) and most of the folks who made comments on that plan and came to meetings were from the greater Palmer area. Wasilla not so much.	Is there any chance you will be having a public meeting in Palmer? I have to believe that the majority of the public using the moose range come from the Palmer area. I worked on the Jonesville plan (the one done by the Sutton community council) and most of the folks who made comments on that plan and came to meetings were from the greater Palmer area	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Email	M. Walkoviak	My name is Mindie, I live in Utah and am working with Tread Lightly, to build our Tread Lightly! Alaska campaign. Last year BLM Alaska contracted with us to work on education efforts regarding the Steese National Conservation Area and the White Mountains National Recreation Area. BLM AK renewed that contract for next year. We have focused those efforts on creating signage, education material and social media messages. Recently we collaborated with the Delta Junction Trails Association and Quadratic on a trail maintenance project, grading a curve, on the Bluff Cabin Trail (photos attached). A few overlanding clubs have reached out wanting to get involved and support the Tread Lightly! Alaska campaign. As part of their outreach efforts, I came across Alaska DNR's public input request for the Jonesville/Moose Range Management Planning. Please let us know if you would like Tread Lightly to be involved in this effort. We would be happy to attend any meetings or promote your efforts to the Alaska motorized community. If you are interested, we would love to meet and explain more of what we do. Please let me know a few times next week that you are available and I will schedule a Google Meet with our Executive Director, Matt Caldwell.	Please let us know if you would like Tread Lightly to be involved in this effort. We would be happy to attend any meetings or promote your efforts to the Alaska motorized community.	MGMT/Policy Recs	

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>14 of 14: •Currently there is a serious problem of recreation and hunting vehicles (ATVs/Jeeps/Trucks/sherps/side-by-sides) going through wetlands and impacting those sensitive habitats. CVTC asks to have all wetlands in the MVMR and JPUA closed to motorized use until winter freeze up and snow cover (as previously stated on Page 102, Access of the 1986 Moose Range Management Plan).</p> <p>•Since 1986 there has been a huge increase in residences around the Western Management Subunit: (Page 147 of the 1986 MVMR). There is also a significant amount of trail use and pressure in this area, which was not discussed at all in the 1986 plan. The Western Management Subunit needs a new management intent (Page 148), and possibly the section of the Moose Range between Murphy Road and Palmer Fishhook should be made into its own subunit for the Moose Range, due to the large number of nearby residents. There is now intense outdoor recreation in this subunit, as well as serious conflicts between trappers and other winter trail users.</p> <p>Lastly, the success of the MVMR and JPUA management plans, particularly the JPUA plan, relies on active enforcement. Without it, the management plans are only paper. CVTC maintains an active Tribal Law Enforcement office, which works collaboratively with the Alaska State Troopers, as well as other Borough and state law enforcement. Funding for law enforcement should be prioritized and active enforcement maintained on site.</p>	<p>The Western Management Subunit needs a new management intent (Page 148), and possibly the section of the Moose Range between Murphy Road and Palmer Fishhook should be made into its own subunit for the Moose Range, due to the large number of nearby residents. There is now intense outdoor recreation in this subunit, as well as serious conflicts between trappers and other winter trail users</p>	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Online Portal	M. Barker	<p>Even though I live nearby, I have avoided using this area much in recent years due to concerns about public safety, trail damage due to motorized use and difficult access roads (i.e Eska Falls). Allowing multiple uses everywhere, especially motorized use, badly impacts the trails which are largely unsustainable. Shooting needs to be restricted. Trail heads need signage, designated parking areas and restrooms. Road side camping at Kings River /Matanuska River confluence needs to be contained by developing campsites and sanitary facilities. A comprehensive management plan, such as the Knik Public Use Area Management Plan, needs to be created and implemented through active management and dedicated funding.</p>	<p>A comprehensive management plan, such as the Knik Public Use Area Management Plan, needs to be created and implemented through active management and dedicated funding.</p>	MGMT/Policy Recs	

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Online Portal	M. Bertels	I have been living in the Sutton area for 49 years, served on the Sutton Community Council (SCC) for 15 years and my property borders the Moose Range on the east side of Granite Creek. My wife and I have been involved drafting the JPUA Management Plan by Committee as directed by the SCC for close to 8 years. The content of the JPUA plan speaks for itself. It is thorough, comprehensive and completed with the assistance of professional planners and years of public input. This project was worked on with the acknowledgement of the need to update and integrate the Moose Range Plan. This was an opportunity for the SOA DNR to partner with councils, committees and communities to reach this goal. My concern at this time is the timing, awkwardness and economy of developing a new plan. It appears, in my opinion, that to a large extent we are reinventing the wheel. DNR has a vast bank of information, public comment and data that isn't fully utilized. Unfortunately, the end result is another long delay affecting good management policies and community health. When will this change?	The content of the JPUA plan speaks for itself. It is thorough, comprehensive and completed with the assistance of professional planners and years of public input. This project was worked on with the acknowledgement of the need to update and integrate the Moose Range Plan. This was an opportunity for the SOA DNR to partner with councils, committees and communities to reach this goal. My concern at this time is the timing, awkwardness and economy of developing a new plan. It appears, in my opinion, that to a large extent we are reinventing the wheel. DNR has a vast bank of information, public comment and data that isn't fully utilized. Unfortunately, the end result is another long delay affecting good management policies and community health.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Online Portal	G. Ellis	I just wanted to take a few moments to weigh in on any proposed usage changes for the Moose Range trail system. It is important to balance all user groups needs, and since motorized use is by far the largest user group, I would strongly encourage you to NOT consider closing any existing trails to motorized access. This is a deeply unfair practice, and is inconsistent with the principle of equal access for all. If there are conflicts between user groups and if there is a desire for non-motorized trails, I would suggest creating a few new trails for non-motorized users. That way you're meeting the needs of all groups without discriminating against anyone. I have been an active user of the entire Moose Range area for more than a decade primarily via an off-road truck. I am extremely conscientious of other users and would never dream of asking authorities to close off access to another user group. That being said, I very seldom have come across any user other than motorized and have never experienced a conflict with anyone, so choosing to discriminate against someone like me based on the complaints/bad experiences of a small minority seems highly inappropriate. It is also worth noting that areas suitable for motorized access close to home are very much more limited than non-motorized. The Moose Range is a very large area and allows many motorized users easy access for recreation. Closing this off would force motorized users onto other trails and increase congestion, trail wear, and the possibility of further conflicts. We need to be looking for solutions that expand access for ALL users, not decreasing access for motorized users. A positive approach like that taken at Jim Creek and Jonesville public use areas is really a much better approach, especially if a good trailhead system can be used to help guide different user groups to trails more suited to their recreational styles. I appreciate your taking the time to hear my thoughts, and please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions.	A positive approach like that taken at Jim Creek and Jonesville public use areas is really a much better approach, especially if a good trailhead system can be used to help guide different user groups to trails more suited to their recreational styles	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Online Portal	B. Privett	I'm an avid outdoorsman and Alaskan of fifty-four years. I hunt and fish and use atv's and snow machines. That being said, I am completely appalled with the reckless and unregulated shooting that is ongoing in Jonesville public use area. Shooting in an urban area needs to be organized and regulated. My recommendation is that you close it shooting altogether or set up a legitimate shooting range with hours and regulations. Assault rifle fire resonates throughout the residential areas of a Sutton at all hours and is a constant public nuisance. Police up all the garbage, Supply dumpsters, separate camping from the shooting and try to reign in the destructiveness of all the high performance atvs that defacing the public's land. The area is totally out of control- part of the public is making a beautiful place unsafe and unsightly while the other citizens are left with a poorly managed example of public land. Feel free to email or call me at xxx-xxx-xxxx. I would really like to see the area get turned around and operate to the satisfaction of all Alaskans. Thank you . Bruce Privett	Police up all the garbage, Supply dumpsters, separate camping from the shooting and try to reign in the destructiveness of all the high performance atvs that defacing the public's land. The area is totally out of control- part of the public is making a beautiful place unsafe and unsightly while the other citizens are left with a poorly managed example of public land	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Online Portal	B. Endle	Implement the plan laid out by the Sutton Community Council and adopted by the Borough for the Jonesville Public Use Area and take the Jonesville Public Use Area out of the Moose Range to make it separate.	Implement the plan laid out by the Sutton Community Council and adopted by the Borough for the Jonesville Public Use Area and take the Jonesville Public Use Area out of the Moose Range to make it separate.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Online Portal	C. Spitzer	Jonesville is unique from the rest of the moose range. Focus needs to be on recreation management. Shooting must be managed. ENFORCEMENT. The plan put together by the volunteers and adopted by the MSB is a good plan.	Jonesville is unique from the rest of the moose range. Focus needs to be on recreation management. The plan put together by the volunteers and adopted by the MSB is a good plan.	MGMT/Policy Recs	

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Online Portal	S. Graber	The land does not need any managing. Leave it TF alone. The borough did enough damage attempting to eradicate the historical Nike site at the end of KGB. There does not need to be a law, or rule, or manager in charge of anything related to the jobsville public use area. Do not touch. Leave it alone. Lest I start to sound redundant, I will end my comment with this: Jonesville is one of the last unregulated and unmaintained public rec areas of the MSB, and we would all like to keep it that way! Thank you.	The land does not need any managing. The borough did enough damage attempting to eradicate the historical Nike site at the end of KGB. There does not need to be a law, or rule, or manager in charge of anything related to the jobsville public use area. Do not touch. Leave it alone. Jonesville is one of the last unregulated and unmaintained public rec areas of the MSB, and we would all like to keep it that way! Thank you.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Online Portal	G. Rauscher	Why don't you ask for the data from all the comment periods the Jonesville Public Use Management Plan Committee and the Mat Su Borough held over the past 10 years? Your holding the public comment meeting in Sutton during Hunting Season about the Moose Range that's in Sutton? (Eyes Rolling and Head Shaking). How awful?! Apparently the folks in Sutton's opinions don't matter in all this and we were the ones who held a meeting every other week on this topic for 4 years straight concerning the JPUA and the Moose Range to come up with the plan we sent you. ... and this after the consultant company, the state hired to work on this project, didn't even show up for the tour which the Mat Su Borough and State of Alaska held in August? - George Rauscher of Sutton.	Why don't you ask for the data from all the comment periods the Jonesville Public Use Management Plan Committee and the Mat Su Borough held over the past 10 years? Your holding the public comment meeting in Sutton during Hunting Season about the Moose Range that's in Sutton? (Eyes Rolling and Head Shaking). How awful?! Apparently the folks in Sutton's opinions don't matter in all this and we were the ones who held a meeting every other week on this topic for 4 years straight concerning the JPUA and the Moose Range to come up with the plan we sent you. ... and this after the consultant company, the state hired to work on this project, didn't even show up for the tour which the Mat Su Borough and State of Alaska held in August? - George Rauscher of Sutton.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Online Portal	R. Caywood	Why would anybody have public meetings for a moose range during moose hunting season?	Why would anybody have public meetings for a moose range during moose hunting season?	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Public Meeting	T. Rafferty	I just wanted to comment specifically about the Wendt road access area for the moose range. I have been a user of that area and it seems like lack of management has created a lot of opportunity for user conflicts and it would be nice if in the future plan they kind of looked at what the users are and a way to manage the area to reduce those conflicts so that everyone can get out there and enjoy the space.	the Wendt road access area for the moose range. I have been a user of that area and it seems like lack of management has created a lot of opportunity for user conflicts and it would be nice if in the future plan they kind of looked at what the users are and a way to manage the area to reduce those conflicts so that everyone can get out there and enjoy the space.	MGMT/Policy Recs	

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Public Meeting	J. Winnestaffer	So I grew up living right next to the Moose Range and using the Moose range as my front and back yard all the time. And so I've heard of it my whole life. I happen to live on the highway where there's a sign that says Entering the Moose Range. I think it blew over in the windstorm in January. But I think a lot of people that live in or near the moose range don't know it because it's not sort of a statement or a area in terms of the name Moose Range that's talked about very much. And so I don't know how many people that use the trails or use the land in the moose range know that it's the moose range. And therefore, even if they saw a notice about these scoping meetings or the upcoming draft writing process, that they would know it was relevant to them. So I don't know from the perspective of the coordinators how to do that outreach, but I do think that it's been around for so long that a lot of people have moved to the area that have never heard of the moose range. So just a general comment on, you know, maybe needing to have outreach. I don't know if it's even at trailheads that a notice could be put up or in some way just getting out the information. Huge amounts of area have been developed for residential in soapstone, Buffalo Mine Road, Palmer Fish Hook areas. You know thousands and thousands of people have moved in since 1986. So just a general comment that a lot of people might not know a relate to the moose range every day.	So just a general comment on, you know, maybe needing to have outreach. I don't know if it's even at trailheads that a notice could be put up or in some way just getting out the information. Huge amounts of area have been developed for residential in soapstone, Buffalo Mine Road, Palmer Fish Hook areas.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Public Meeting	J. Winnestaffer	So I really appreciate the outreach opportunities you're offering this week. I also would love to see some additional planned outreach during the public comment review period. Sorry that the review period for the draft management plans. So if that's not already scheduled, that would be fantastic. And knowing how big the 1986 signed version of the Moose Range Management Plan is, you know, like a full inch or more printed, I would request a eight week review period for the public because not only do we have to read it, but we also have to come up with thoughtful comments back on that plan. So, you know, I don't know, probably the minimum amount of time is 30 days by DNR rules, but it would be really nice to have more than that because it's so lengthy and there are so many user groups that will want to participate.	I also would love to see some additional planned outreach during the public comment review period. I would request a eight week review period for the public because not only do we have to read it, but we also have to come up with thoughtful comments back on that plan.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Bryan Cherry	Enjoy the less restrictive nature of the moose range but am concerned about both the bad stewards and the restrictive Karens.	Enjoy the less restrictive nature of the moose range but am concerned about both the bad stewards and the restrictive Karens.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Kirsten Berg	I hope we don't lose access to such great country because people feel discouraged by folks who like to camp locally, people who utilize property to sight in guns safely, and the use of atvs.	I hope we don't lose access to such great country because people feel discouraged by folks who like to camp locally, people who utilize property to sight in guns safely, and the use of atvs.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Stanley james	I live here and love the outdoor opportunity but it's getting a jim creek feeling. Better management for all is a must	I live here and love the outdoor opportunity but it's getting a jim creek feeling. Better management for all is a must	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Kristen Allton	I live in a very tight community off of Sun Vally Dr. There is already a significant amount of traffic. This is an area that needs to remain remote, not only for the moose, but for the community that lives around it.	This is an area that needs to remain remote, not only for the moose, but for the community that lives around it.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Brogan Putnam	I love recreating in this area with friends and family! I hope it stays nice and clean for years to come. Nothing is better than having free access to all this area to recreate!	Nothing is better than having free access to all this area to recreate!	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Jordyn caldwell	I love walking here. I love that a lot of people don't use the Buffalo mine one. Please don't make it bigger or attract more people. Thanks.	I love that a lot of people don't use the Buffalo mine one. Please don't make it bigger or attract more people.	MGMT/Policy Recs	

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Survey	David Gehring	I remember first coming out here with the ER Natural History museum (now no longer) as a kid when I lived in ER. We went to the end of the Jonesville striptill Rd, and also over to Coyote Lake. I remember it super well because it was one of the highlights of my youth as a kid. I still to this day have a ~20 pound rock with fern and tree fossils all over it. Nowadays I still show people the area, especially by Coyote lake when looking for fossils and they're in amazement at the place. Nothing anyone else has done or are actively doing has taken away from any enjoyment from that. I also like going off-roading there, just the bumpy roads can whet my appetite, not to mention the areas up towards Eska Falls, one of the few areas in a 100 mile radius that can be properly challenging, and that's a attribute, not a detriment. The same goes to target shooting, I don't see the need to turn it into another Maud road style shooting range. Just leave it alone, the place ain't broke, don't fix it.	The same goes to target shooting, I don't see the need to turn it into another Maud road style shooting range. Just leave it alone, the place ain't broke, don't fix it.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	David VanCleve	I would like MVMR planning to provide information resources and expertise to local community councils to promote the development of a sustainable, ecologically friendly, visitor based economy. An example would be access and trail development with concomitant regulations to prevent user conflicts, degradation of resources, and wildland values. Active promotion of the natural beauty of our small part of the Matanuska Valley and the importance of its preservation could be encouraged with durable interpretive signage along trails. The natural history of the abundant wildlife, the composition of verdant landscape and plant communities, descriptions of the work of geologic and orogenic forces, and the stories behind discovered antiquities and more could be explained. I believe capturing the imagination of the residents of Sutton, Chickaloon, and the local native population with its corporate resources could result in managed development of a sustainable and clean recreational economy.	I would like MVMR planning to provide information resources and expertise to local community councils to promote the development of a sustainable, ecologically friendly, visitor based economy. An example would be access and trail development with concomitant regulations to prevent user conflicts, degradation of resources, and wildland values. I believe capturing the imagination of the residents of Sutton, Chickaloon, and the local native population with its corporate resources could result in managed development of a sustainable and clean recreational economy.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Laurel Flynn	In 2006 DNR engaged in an extensive public process to seek input from trail users for Eska Falls Trail. Since then the Sutton Community Council & its various committees, along with dedicated MSB staff have collected data & solicited comments to incorporate into the draft management plan approved by the Borough Assembly. It would be a terrible insult to the public process to not take into consideration the previous comments collected and the diligent work completed by the community. Please help us to move forward with this important stewardship so that we can retain this important resource for future generations. Thank you.	In 2006 DNR engaged in an extensive public process to seek input from trail users for Eska Falls Trail. Since then the Sutton Community Council & its various committees, along with dedicated MSB staff have collected data & solicited comments to incorporate into the draft management plan approved by the Borough Assembly. It would be a terrible insult to the public process to not take into consideration the previous comments collected and the diligent work completed by the community.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Oleg pal	It's perfect the way it is, I hope no one decides to regulate the more popular activities around Jonesville mine	It's perfect the way it is, I hope no one decides to regulate the more popular activities around Jonesville mine	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Chris spitzer	Jonesville PUA management plan as adopted by MSB is a good plan. JPUA should be an independent sub-unit of the moose range with a focus on recreation.	Jonesville PUA management plan as adopted by MSB is a good plan. JPUA should be an independent sub-unit of the moose range with a focus on recreation.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Travis Steward	Leave it alone	Leave it alone	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	David Glanville	My backyard is against the moose range, I absolutely love it! I live off of Boyd and hope that any actions/restrictions put into place to quell the stupidity at Jonesville don't restrict activity in my neighborhood.	I live off of Boyd and hope that any actions/restrictions put into place to quell the stupidity at Jonesville don't restrict activity in my neighborhood.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Sheila Moseley	My husband has lived on or near this location for 50 years. We recently purchased land and are returning to live in the area. There has been a decline in the moose population over the last 10 years. There has been a large increase in off road vehicles for hunting and tree harvesting. These vehicles continue to make new trails that are destructive to the land. ATVs are having a huge impact on the moose environment, the land & both small & big streams that are spawning grounds for salmon and sanctuaries for small fry. Driving the road has become a safety issue. People are shooting beside and across the road and near our home. This Moose Range, wetlands and natural land needs to be protected from the destructive use of motorized vehicles. The firewood cutting permit areas need to be managed and people need to have better guidelines of cutting and proper care of slash.	The firewood cutting permit areas need to be managed and people need to have better guidelines of cutting and proper care of slash.	MGMT/Policy Recs	

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Survey	Nancy Dryden	Please look at the Sutton Jonesville review land sharing documents and consider the work that has already been done regarding regulation and use of the area.	Please look at the Sutton Jonesville review land sharing documents and consider the work that has already been done regarding regulation and use of the area.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Michael Evans	Please work to build a coalition of user groups to develop, manage, and enjoy the area in a way that benefits all users.	Please work to build a coalition of user groups to develop, manage, and enjoy the area in a way that benefits all users.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Jessica Winnestaffer	The issues in the Jonesville Public Use Area are not all encompassing of the Moose Range. The Moose Range is a vast area with diverse benefits, opportunities and challenges. In addition to being a place that people visit, this is also where many people live.	The issues in the Jonesville Public Use Area are not all encompassing of the Moose Range.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Karen Cordero	This is a lovely area with many possibilities for public use and healthy recreational actives. Some added regulation and oversight and improved accessibility will really enhance this resource for the community, borough and state.	Some added regulation and oversight and improved accessibility will really enhance this resource for the community, borough and state.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Mikael Porcello	This is such a great area. I am a fat biker and do not mind sharing with snow machine riders, skiers, etc... I would love for this spot to continue to be used for recreational activities.	I would love for this spot to continue to be used for recreational activities.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Elizabeth Powers	Trail damage from OHV and trucks/SUVs is extensive near Wendt and Sun Valley Dr. The deep ruts make it difficult to bike or run. Erosion should be mitigated regularly. Large trucks should be prohibited due to the damage to trails and wetlands. OHVs should be restricted during the muddy season to limit damage. My home is on Sun Valley Drive and there is extensive ATV, truck and snow machine traffic on our streets, they are loud and drive too fast. Consider designating specific motorized and non-motorized trails. Winter trail groomers spend a lot of time/energy maintaining trails for skiing and fat biking and they are quickly rutted by snow machines. Uncontrolled use of firearms is a safety concern. People shoot over trails and up target practice on the trails. Consider establishing a target shooting site. With the increase in the amount of use in the moose range, the issues are becoming worse. Consider requiring a parking pass to help pay for management.	Consider requiring a parking pass to help pay for management.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	James jones	Very poor announcement for public involvement in the late September public meetings. Limited time for people to attend when they are not at work.	Very poor announcement for public involvement in the late September public meetings. Limited time for people to attend when they are not at work.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Survey	Austin Grimes	We have been accessing the Moose Range area from the back of Yarrow for over 40 years. My parents raised us taking us dog mushing, cross country skiing and hiking on the trails. My husband and I purposefully bought land near where I grew up so our children could have these same amazing experiences. My son and daughter have both learned how to drive their first snow machines on those trails and back swamps, learning how to respect the wildlife and moose that live in that area, practice cross country skiing, and shot their first grouse in the moose range. I am sadden when I think about the land changing, allowing more access for others so the wildlife and especially the moose are negatively impacted. Please keep our area behind the soapstone road area small and less access, we do not need an Anchorage Kincaid Park in the Moose Range, we already have that at Government Peak. Please keep this area part of the old Alaska, less regulations and rules. Thank you.	Please keep our area behind the soapstone road area small and less access, we do not need an Anchorage Kincaid Park in the Moose Range, we already have that at Government Peak. Please keep this area part of the old Alaska, less regulations and rules. Thank you.	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Written	N. Bertels	As a member of the local Jonesville Planning Committee, I would like a chance for this committee to meet w/state agency planners. Items to address in Moose Range Plan: Moose Range Plan + Jonesville Plan should be complimentary. Current levels of cow moose permits are unsustainable. Pressure on animals in the area is very high due to proximity from population centers. Jonesville Plan must include: Plans for a shooting area (designated). Designated camping areas. Additional access points into the area. Enforcement of - . Jonesville area should be address as soon as possible. Local residents have been living with this bad situation for years and need relief from activities currently occurring in Jonesville.	As a member of the local Jonesville Planning Committee, I would like a chance for this committee to meet w/state agency planners. Moose Range Plan + Jonesville Plan should be complimentary. Jonesville Plan must include: Plans for a shooting area (designated). Designated camping areas. Additional access points into the area. Enforcement of -	MGMT/Policy Recs	
Written	D. Kenney	DNR should use/adopt as much of the Jonesville plan as possible to expedite the process. Draft plans could be completed before the end of the year given how much work has already been done. Dealing particularly w/the shooting and trash before more people are hurt and more of the environment is destroyed is imperative.	DNR should use/adopt as much of the Jonesville plan as possible to expedite the process	MGMT/Policy Recs	

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Email	J. Mulder	<p>1. Please take into consideration the Jonesville plan. The people who worked on this plan put a lot of time and effort into this. Biweekly meetings were held for months to develop this plan so please honor it.</p> <p>2. Please designate Slipper Lake as a quiet lake with no gas engines and electric motors at most.</p> <p>3. Please promote wildlife and protect non motorized activities by limiting (not eliminating) ATV use. Designating trails with seasonal restrictions would protect that area. The unrestricted use that ATVs have been afforded is destructive to vegetation, wildlife and non motorized activities.</p> <p>4. Please provide separate areas for activities so that people are not shooting guns where other people are fossil hunting for example. Shooting, outside of hunting season, should only be allowed in a designated area set up for that activity only.</p> <p>5. Please make the protection and promotion of fish and wildlife the top priority and allow mining activity and recreation in areas where it can be managed and maintained. The entire Moose Range cannot support unregulated ATV activity. Please accept these comments on the Moose Range and Jonesville Public Use Area review.</p>	Please make the protection and promotion of fish and wildlife the top priority and allow mining activity and recreation in areas where it can be managed and maintained.	Mining	
Email	D. Skibinski (AMA)	1 of 2: The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) offers the following comments in response to the September 2, 2022, scoping letter seeking public comment on the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA) and Matanuska Valley Moose Range (MVMR) Management Plan update process. AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,400 members that come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Our members include individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and the contracting sector that supports Alaska's mining industry. As you know the MVMR, JPUA and the Matanuska Coal Fields overlap. There is a long history of mining in the area. As early as 1894, trappers and prospectors heard about the rich coal veins in the Matanuska Valley. By the early 1900s, all the major geologic features had been described by federal government geologists. In 1904, a private railroad company began laying track from Seward toward the Tanana River and planned to use Matanuska coal to fuel its engines. By 1916 the railroad reached the Matanuska Coal Field and mining continued until the 1980s.		Mining	
Email	L. Simon (UCM)	1 of 2: Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM) followed the Mat-Su Borough's process to create the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan (JPUA) and is now involved in the State's follow-up process to update the Matanuska Valley Moose Range Management Plan (MVMR). UCM is acutely interested in management plans that are close to our coal mining lease and permit areas. As you know, UCM has land leases and coal mining permits through the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Control and Reclamation Act (ASCMCRA) for the Wishbone Hill coal mine in the Sutton area. Both the JPUA and the MVMR overlap a significant portion of UCM's lease and permit boundaries. UCM shares the community's concerns regarding conflicting uses, as well as the destructive, unsafe, and illegal activities in the area. UCM supported the efforts and intent to create the JPUA. UCM understands that the focus of the JPUA was to establish guidelines and boundaries for safe and concurrent recreational activities. Additionally, the JPUA is within the Moose Range, which has a separate management plan. It is important that the overlapping use areas share a concurrent planning process to ensure compatibility and consistent management of state resources.	Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM) shares the community's concerns regarding conflicting uses, as well as the destructive, unsafe, and illegal activities in the area. UCM supported the efforts and intent to create the JPUA. UCM understands that the focus of the JPUA was to establish guidelines and boundaries for safe and concurrent recreational activities. Additionally, the JPUA is within the Moose Range, which has a separate management plan. It is important that the overlapping use areas share a concurrent planning process to ensure compatibility and consistent management of state resources.	Mining	

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>10 of 14: •Coal and gravel mining are incompatible with enhancing moose populations, which have declined dramatically over recent years and show the failure of the MVMR Management Plan; these activities should be banned from the MVMR in the updated management plan. They should also be removed as activities that could occur within the JPUA. Grazing has never occurred within the MVMR and should be removed as a “public use” in the updated MVMR management plan.</p> <p>•Any activities that involve land disturbance within the MVMR or JPUA should consult with CVTC’s Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in the early stages of planned activities, long before groundbreaking. This includes any plans to widen or create new trails. This area is of cultural and spiritual significance to CVTC, and this report heavily underestimates the widespread nature of Dene cultural resources in the area and should account for appropriate plans and consultation to ensure the unmitigated destruction of cultural resources. The THPO should be brought in for cultural surveys and allowed to perform digs to identify cultural artifacts. For any ground disturbance undertaking, a full cultural resources survey with subsurface testing should be conducted in consultation and with Tribal representatives in the field.</p>	Coal and gravel mining are incompatible with enhancing moose populations, which have declined dramatically over recent years and show the failure of the MVMR Management Plan; these activities should be banned from the MVMR in the updated management plan	Mining	
Email	D. Skibinski (AMA)	<p>2 of 2: The JPUA and MVMR plans each highlight coal resources and recognize that there are active subsurface leases in the area. Furthermore, the JPUA mentions the MVMR management plan and its overarching goal to “maintain, improve, and enhance moose populations, habitat and other wildlife resources” and to “perpetuate public multiple use” including recreation and natural resource extraction in accordance with State and Federal laws. Today, there are active mining leases and mining permits in the Matanuska Coal Fields. As part of the planning process for JPUA and MVMR, it is critical that the Alaska Department of Natural Resources continue to acknowledge and protect mining as an important use in the area, not infringe upon future mining opportunities, and clearly identify areas with mineral potential. AMA offers the following recommendations for the updated plan: The JPUA and MVMR plan should mark all existing coal leases and permitted mines on all relevant maps. •As a permitted mine, the Wishbone Hill mine should be discussed in the plan’s text in addition to inclusion on the maps. While recreational use is currently allowed in the overlapping sections of active coal leases and the MVMR, continued use could create conflicts in the future. AMA recommends no new development of trails or recreational facilities on existing coal leases.</p>	<p>Today, there are active mining leases and mining permits in the Matanuska Coal Fields. As part of the planning process for JPUA and MVMR, it is critical that the Alaska Department of Natural Resources continue to acknowledge and protect mining as an important use in the area, not infringe upon future mining opportunities, and clearly identify areas with mineral potential. AMA offers the following recommendations for the updated plan: The JPUA and MVMR plan should mark all existing coal leases and permitted mines on all relevant maps. •As a permitted mine, the Wishbone Hill mine should be discussed in the plan’s text in addition to inclusion on the maps. While recreational use is currently allowed in the overlapping sections of active coal leases and the MVMR, continued use could create conflicts in the future. AMA recommends no new development of trails or recreational facilities on existing coal leases.</p>	Mining	
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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>4 of 14: Resource Extraction</p> <p>Prior to the establishment of the MVMR, there was a history of environmental destruction through coal mining, gravel extraction, and the railroads and roadways constructed to service these industries. The MVMR Management Plan, written in 1986, was established to enhance moose populations, but allows for coal mining and additional destructive activities such as gravel mining, grazing, and timber harvesting designated as “multiple use of the area”.</p> <p>Based on the observations of local Tribal citizens and residents in the communities of Sutton and Chickaloon, the moose populations have declined dramatically in recent years. Coal and gravel mining within the MVMR would not help to enhance populations of moose and other wildlife. Neither is respectful of the land. Coal mining, in particular, has had a long history of negative impacts on local Tribal peoples and on the environment.</p>	Based on the observations of local Tribal citizens and residents in the communities of Sutton and Chickaloon, the moose populations have declined dramatically in recent years. Coal and gravel mining within the MVMR would not help to enhance populations of moose and other wildlife. Neither is respectful of the land. Coal mining, in particular, has had a long history of negative impacts on local Tribal peoples and on the environment.	Mining	
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>9 of 14: Recommendations</p> <p>CVTC would like to see a well-functioning, maintained, and safe public use area for people to enjoy being outside in nature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DNR needs to show their commitment to maintaining the MVMR, particularly with a focus on fish and wildlife habitat. In the 36 years since the MVMR plan was published, many aspects have not been implemented, including active management to enhance moose populations, new trailheads, limits on wetland destruction, and more. Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Streams needs to have a new section titled Minimize Impact (page 79 from the 1986 Moose Range Management Plan). Protections to be included within a ‘minimize impact’ section for surface water quality of anadromous fish streams including wetlands should include protections from tree clearing, from controlled burns, from recreational misuse of streams/wetlands (driving through them), and at stream ford sites; camping and fishing rules should be clearly posted, and development limited. •The MVMR Management Plan needs many updates to reflect the current ecological and economic situation of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough: updated climate, population, economic, and natural resources data are needed for it to be a working document for managers to use for the betterment of moose populations and other natural resources. For example, riparian buffers around anadromous streams should be increased to reflect current science on healthy waterways, and coal extraction and market realities need to be updated to reflect current federal and state regulations that limit coal’s viability. 	coal extraction and market realities need to be updated to reflect current federal and state regulations that limit coal’s viability.	Mining	
Survey	Loralie Simon	Preservation of the access, rights, leases, and permits to the Matanuska Coal Fields is very important.	Preservation of the access, rights, leases, and permits to the Matanuska Coal Fields is very important.	Mining	
Survey	warren keogh	Prohibit coal mining anywhere in the Matanuska Valley Moose Range, and particularly in the Chickaloon River and Kings River drainages. DNR’s misguided coal leases in the Chickaloon area to foreign owned mining companies in the past three decades have failed and have been strongly opposed by the majority of local residents.	Prohibit coal mining anywhere in the Matanuska Valley Moose Range, and particularly in the Chickaloon River and Kings River drainages.	Mining	

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Email	J. Winnestaffer	<p>1 of 4: These are my personal comments as a 39-year resident of the Sutton-Moose Creek area surrounded by the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range) and near to the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA).</p> <p>DNR must manage the Moose Range and JPUA lands for human safety! Shooting: There is extremely dangerous shooting behavior by numerous individuals and groups that go to Jonesville Mine area and Buffalo Mine area. This limits the access by other users to these areas because of serious safety hazards created by many shooters who do not have safe shooting practices. The southside of Wishbone Hill should have a clearly designated and safely-built shooting range for public access, that includes allowable daytime hours and year-round access for users. Target shooting in other areas of Jonesville and Buffalo Mine areas should be prohibited, as there are too many residents, recreational users, and traffic for unplanned shooting. The location of this shooting range should be specifically discussed within the Sutton community at a public meeting so that residents who are most-affected by these regular activities can participate in the planning and that the best shooting range plan can be formulated.</p> <p>Law enforcement presence: There needs to be more of a law enforcement presence in JPUA, as well as throughout the Moose Range to enforce state laws, increase public safety, and decrease environmental pollution and degradation. An increase of law enforcement presence would reduce the accumulation of abandoned and burned vehicles at JPUA and it would reduce the litter and trash accumulation throughout the Moose Range. I encourage the state to invite the Chickaloon Native Village Justice Department to help with this effort collaboratively.</p>	<p>Law enforcement presence: There needs to be more of a law enforcement presence in JPUA, as well as throughout the Moose Range to enforce state laws, increase public safety, and decrease environmental pollution and degradation. An increase of law enforcement presence would reduce the accumulation of abandoned and burned vehicles at JPUA and it would reduce the litter and trash accumulation throughout the Moose Range. I encourage the state to invite the Chickaloon Native Village Justice Department to help with this effort collaboratively.</p>	Public Safety	Enforcement
Email	M. Brown (MSB)	<p>2 of 2: In the recent years, the Borough's efforts have largely been focused on Jonesville, but the Borough is mindful there are some other portions of the Moose Range that may require higher levels of management. Specifically, the west Moose Range area from Sunshine Road to Murphy Road is experiencing high levels of usage with user conflicts, degradation to the trails, and fish and wildlife habitat damage being regularly reported. Additionally, the Kings River area has seen a steady uptick in usage with similar reports of user conflicts and degradation. When the Moose Range plan was adopted in 1986, it provided a great framework for overall management of the area, but the plan lacked regulations that were enforceable. The Borough supports an update to the Moose Range plan that provides provisions for enforcement of standards and regulations. Without a framework that incorporates enforceable regulations that are actually enforced, the end result of the planning process will likely not address the current issues at hand.</p> <p>The Borough appreciates and is supportive of DNR's efforts to update the Moose Range plan and incorporate Jonesville as a subset of the overall plan. As things continue to progress, the Borough is eager to begin discussions on a management agreement for the Jonesville area. We look forward to the next steps of the planning process and the anticipated adoption of the plan in the summer of 2023.</p>	<p>Without a framework that incorporates enforceable regulations that are actually enforced, the end result of the planning process will likely not address the current issues at hand.</p>	Public Safety	Enforcement

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Email	E. VandeVisse	I totally support this process and PURPOSE: Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA). I am a concerned resident and neighbor, and have followed the progress of the Jonesville Management Plan. It has taken years, with delays and thoughtful input. This current version of the JPUA is good. It addresses urgent problems of dangerous shooting, trashing, noise, and lawlessness. We have much re-education, remediation, and repair to do to this once-beautiful area. We have great need to insure new protective rules and funding for enforcement. Our population has grown and grown, but we still have the same amount of land in which to enjoy our natural beauty and wildlife. And those are just remnants, and uncontrolled use has devastated those precious areas. Meanwhile, the pressures to develop everything into pavement and houses-- are soaring. We must have the good sense and forethought to protect and RESTORE what little we have left in the Moose Range area. I urge you to quickly, and without any major change, approve and adopt the Update for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range) Management Plan. Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA), which is entirely within the Moose Range. Please do this without picky delays or political pettiness. Thank you so much for including the above in all public testimony records,	We have much re-education, remediation, and repair to do to this once-beautiful area. We have great need to insure new protective rules and funding for enforcement. Our	Public Safety	Enforcement
Email	R. Bailey	My name is Randy Bailey and I own 120 acre parcel at the end of Buffalo Mine Road. I was born and raised in Alaska. I have spent many years traveling trails all over Alaska on my horses. The property that I own was previously owned by Len Melton and prior to him the land was used by the farmers in the Mat Su Valley for grazing their livestock. I have made improvements to my property with fencing that allows my horses and mules to graze from spring to fall every year. My property borders the wetlands and we have a private bridge that crosses Moose Creek. This fall during moose hunting season we had some bad actors blazed a trail down my fence line with a Fat Truck. They crossed Moose Creek multiple times and ran across the wetlands to the upper wet lands and Moose Creek canyon. They decided to run the Fat Truck down the canyon - what a stupid decision they made. No normal person would have ever tried that. So after they got stuck in the canyon and having killed three moose (only one of the moose was legal) they are unable to get back out. So they then brought in a D5 Dozer wide track to cross Moose Creek multiple times and cross the wetlands and try to retrieve the Fat Truck from the valley with the Dozer. They made a 10' swath - tearing up everything in their path. They were so arrogant as to kill illegal moose and then doze a road back to get their rig and illegal moose out. Now we will have a steady stream of people trying to use that makeshift road with their rigs/atvs. Alaska is known for its pilots who hunt and it is visible from the air - so now we will have all kinds of people showing up to use the new road to hunt back in the moose range. We need help to keep this area non motorized. Our private bridge is vandalized regularly and our signs are shot up. The moose population is down due to the numerous cow permits given out each year. We need help with clearly marked signs that Moose Creek is a salmon bearing stream and is not to be crossed under any circumstance. We have tried to keep this area as pristine as when we bought it 27 years ago. Please Help!!	They were so arrogant as to kill illegal moose and then doze a road back to get their rig and illegal moose out. Now we will have a steady stream of people trying to use that makeshift road with their rigs/atvs. Alaska is known for its pilots who hunt and it is visible from the air - so now we will have all kinds of people showing up to use the new road to hunt back in the moose range. We need help to keep this area non motorized. Our private bridge is vandalized regularly and our signs are shot up.	Public Safety	Enforcement

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Email	R. Bailey	<p>My name is Rowdy Bailey and I am 22 years old. I grew up enjoying our 120 acre piece of land at the back end of Buffalo Mine Road. My family, friends and I spend as much time as we possible can up at this property. I especially love to moose hunt from our property with our horses and mules. I know all of the trails like the back of my hand.</p> <p>This fall I caught 2 complete idiots moose hunting with a Fat Truck and absolutely destroying the tundra with that rig. As if that wasn't bad enough they got it stuck down in Moose Creek Valley and why they were so stupid as to take it down there I'll never understand. That is all I can say is "WHY???"</p> <p>They then took a Dozer from the company that they work for - Alaska Directional Drilling and plowed a road to the canyon - tearing up the land even worse. They needed the dozer to get the Fat Truck pulled back up the canyon wall. It is disgusting that they would think this is ok. Not to mention they shot 3 moose and only one was a legal bull.</p> <p>I would like to be involved in the process to keep this area from becoming a complete disaster from more motorized vehicles using this road that previously didn't exist.</p> <p>I want these men prosecuted for the illegal hunting and for them to be responsible for the restoration of the land. I have pictures and videos that I can make available at any time.</p>	they shot 3 moose and only one was a legal bull.	Public Safety	Enforcement
Online Portal	E. Spitzer	<p>I'm submitting this comment regarding the possible opening of the Moose Creek upper drainage to motorized vehicles. I have visited the Moose Creek drainage for over 20 years, sometimes as a State Trooper, and sometimes as a citizen. I have watched the area decline much like I watched the Jim Creek area and the Jonesville Mine area into a lawless free fire zone of irresponsible shooting, vehicle dumping, pallet burning, underage drinking, drugging, and littering. I have watched the erosion of the hillside caused by evermore aggressive ATV's and UTV's in the area. The muddy drainage flows right into the salmon stream of Moose Creek. The noise pollution of gunfire and modified performance exhausts destroys the tranquility of those who reside in the Moose Creek area. I have seen the remains of 40' tree's mowed down by gunfire in this area, blocking the dirt road access of some residents to their homes. Allowing more motorized access to the headwaters of this river canyon will only exacerbate the problem. This area has only been accessible by foot or horseback until some irresponsible hunters used a D-5 dozer to plow in a road to recover the Fat Tire Truck that they got stuck while allegedly poaching moose. As a responsible gun owner, hunter, and outdoorsman I encourage you to preserve one of the last bastions of true wilderness in the Mat-Su Valley area. I have seen first hand what happens when you open a wilderness area to motorized vehicles with no management or enforcement plan. Please feel free to contact me for further clarification.</p>	I have watched the area decline much like I watched the Jim Creek area and the Jonesville Mine area into a lawless free fire zone of irresponsible shooting, vehicle dumping, pallet burning, underage drinking, drugging, and littering.	Public Safety	Enforcement
Online Portal	C. Spitzer	<p>Jonesville is unique from the rest of the moose range. Focus needs to be on recreation management. Shooting must be managed. ENFORCEMENT. The plan put together by the volunteers and adopted by the MSB is a good plan.</p>	Focus needs to be on recreation management. Shooting must be managed. ENFORCEMENT.	Public Safety	Enforcement

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Online Portal	R. Stark	The moose range is used extensively by a myriad of users. Mostly healthy outdoor recreation but also some undesirable activities occur far too often. Winter sees the most diversity of activity as the snow pack allows for lots of different snow recreating that are not destructive to the trails. The trails are community and neighborhood groomed by neighbors that pull small groomers behind snow machines. The trails are used by walkers, runners, fat tire bikers, xc skiers, dog mushers, grouse hunters, moose and even bear hunting in the fall, photographers, winter campers, snow-machiners, target shooting (purposeful safe shooting). Off of the trails you will see snow-machines, snow bikers (motorized), snow shoeing, and even back country skiers if the snow is deep enough. Summer used to draw mountain bikers, hikers, walkers, motocross, small atv riders, etc. Sadly mud bogging and bigger rigs have really done a tremendous amount of destruction to the trails and unless we get a long dry spell, the former uses have diminished. Included in ongoing damage has also been the continual periodic vehicle disturbance of the salmon spawning area in the Wasilla Creek headwaters. Also more nefarious activities now occur during summer time. We have encountered drug dealing, drunkenness, underage drinking parties, random shooting with out backstopoften in the dark late at night, shooting up of trees and signs, burning of trees and open campfires not extinguished, long term camping that has often involved drugs and alcohol and lots of trash. There is also dumping that occurs including the abandonment of vehicles and furniture. Since we have lived on Wendt Rd (31 + years) there have been two fires close to Wendt Rd that required Division of Forestry response and where a few acres burned. Both fires were caused by campfires not extinguished. Overall I am encouraged that attention is being given to revisiting and revising the management plan for this area. It is a popular area enjoyed by so many and I would like to see a strong presence of positive and healthy use continuing with some ways to mitigate the more lawless activities.	Also more nefarious activities now occur during summer time. We have encountered drug dealing, drunkenness, underage drinking parties, random shooting with out backstopoften in the dark late at night, shooting up of trees and signs, burning of trees and open campfires not extinguished, long term camping that has often involved drugs and alcohol and lots of trash. There is also dumping that occurs including the abandonment of vehicles and furniture. Since we have lived on Wendt Rd (31 + years) there have been two fires close to Wendt Rd that required Division of Forestry response and where a few acres burned. Both fires were caused by campfires not extinguished.	Public Safety	Enforcement
Survey	Lynne Woods	As a lifelong resident of Alaska and 70 year resident of Sutton, I value of the beauty of our natural environment. The destruction of the Moose Range and Jonesville Mine habitat affects wildlife and human use. Rules and enforcement are essential for long-term benefit of all.	The destruction of the Moose Range and Jonesville Mine habitat affects wildlife and human use. Rules and enforcement are essential for long-term benefit of all.	Public Safety	Enforcement
Survey	anthony demarco	Closing the gates during breakup and having a trooper swing by the Wendt th regularly would make a huge difference. The increasing amount of needles I see during the annual spring cleanup at Wendt highlights what I know to be true. This is a spot people go to to engage in illegal behavior, not use the moose range. I have never seen a trooper patrol this area	Closing the gates during breakup and having a trooper swing by the Wendt th regularly would make a huge difference.	Public Safety	Enforcement
Survey	Sherrill Smith Collins	My family lives 2mi from the Wendt trail head, we've been here for the last 16 years. We strongly support the use of this area by all user groups. However, regulation is needed to decrease extreme trail erosion and trail safety. I am uncertain how this will be enforced as many of the signs and the Wendt Road gate itself are defaced, cut down or removed on a regular basis and not replaced, it often feels lawless. My family and friends use this area multiple times per week throughout the fall, winter and spring. We have not once seen an enforcement person or official. But, on a regular basis we come upon people shooting guns on and near the trail. Most individuals we meet, no matter their user group, on the trail are kind and like-minded. However, negative interactions have increased over the last several years, specifically with trappers and people using ATVs.	regulation is needed to decrease extreme trail erosion and trail safety. I am uncertain how this will be enforced as many of the signs and the Wendt Road gate itself are defaced, cut down or removed on a regular basis and not replaced	Public Safety	Enforcement
Survey	stan walker	No need for excessive signage, latte stands and other crapola; no point turning the place into Kincaid park. I have no problem in general with snowmobile traffic in the winter, after all this is Alaska. Atvs and large mud bogging rigs should be used on property owned by the people who are ripping the hell out of it, or limited to use on old mining roads . The problem with trying to enact subtle differences like motorized and nonmotorized areas is the reality that there is no means of enforcing the restrictions. If photo radar doesnt work for speeders something like it would not work for enforcement of access restrictions, and the lack of any personnel to catch the scofflaws makes enactment meaningless. Ask Parks personnel how much time was spent trying to catch the guys riding up in the pass in these areas and if that really stopped the encroachment.	Atvs and large mud bogging rigs should be used on property owned by the people who are ripping the hell out of it, or limited to use on old mining roads . The problem with trying to enact subtle differences like motorized and nonmotorized areas is the reality that there is no means of enforcing the restrictions	Public Safety	Enforcement

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Survey	joshua hejl	<p>There have been previous attempts to minimize the impacts of large off-road vehicles in the sensitive areas and salmon streams. So far they have failed.</p> <p>Shooting and litter are widespread. This area is amazing, I would like it to work and be safe for most users. Unfortunately many users believe it is their right to ride everywhere and anywhere. How do we curb this? I have never seen an enforcement officer in the moose range, does one exist?</p> <p>I know this means money, I'll pay a user fee, or more property tax. It's one reason we live here. There have been previous attempts to minimize the impacts of large off-road vehicles in the sensitive areas and salmon streams. So far they have failed.</p> <p>Shooting and litter are widespread. This area is amazing, I would like it to work and be safe for most users. Unfortunately many users believe it is their right to ride everywhere and anywhere. How do we curb this? I have never seen an enforcement officer in the moose range, does one exist?</p> <p>I know this means money, I'll pay a user fee, or more property tax. It's one reason we live here.</p>	<p>I would like it to work and be safe for most users. Unfortunately many users believe it is their right to ride everywhere and anywhere. How do we curb this? I have never seen an enforcement officer in the moose range, does one exist? I know this means money, I'll pay a user fee, or more property tax.</p>	Public Safety	Enforcement
Survey	Robert Howard	<p>Trails are worst I have ever seen them (Sept. 19, 2022). Moose Range Plan regarding ' .. motor vehicle use in wetlands in winter only' and setbacks should have been strictly enforced, especially in regards to anadromous waters! I have been actively documenting the area for many years and am appalled by lack of effective management and enforcement. My advocacy for the area triggered a KTUU news story, I have worked closely with F&G Habitat etc.</p>	<p>I have been actively documenting the area for many years and am appalled by lack of effective management and enforcement. My advocacy for the area triggered a KTUU news story, I have worked closely with F&G Habitat etc.</p>	Public Safety	Enforcement
Survey	Taylor Raftery	<p>User conflicts abound in this area. Lack of management, enforcement, or any type of land manager presence has turned the whole Moose Range area into a Wild West scenario. Hands off management doesn't work in higher use/dense residential areas. Stopped coming here as much because of the out of control motorized use, trapping right off trail, dumped moose carcasses, trash, ruined trails, limited access and parking, safety concerns, etc.. Would love to see this become a safe and usable area for a variety of users.</p>	<p>Lack of management, enforcement, or any type of land manager presence has turned the whole Moose Range area into a Wild West scenario. Hands off management doesn't work in higher use/dense residential areas.</p>	Public Safety	Enforcement
Survey	Michelle Beadle	<p>Would be nice to have some sort of patrol at popular trail heads. Activity there can make parking your vehicle uncomfortable due to fear or break ins</p>	<p>Would be nice to have some sort of patrol at popular trail heads. Activity there can make parking your vehicle uncomfortable due to fear or break ins</p>	Public Safety	Enforcement

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Email	J. Winnestaffer	<p>3 of 4: Trail signage: Public trails within the Moose Range should be posted with signs along the trail, so users know where the trail is located and they avoid going onto private property, for everyone's safety and well-being. Trails that cross private property should have attention from DNR, with possible outcomes of rerouting the trail onto public land or closing the trail completely.</p> <p>Trails: Trails within the Moose Range need attention for human safety. Allowable trail uses should be defined and dis-allowed uses must be clearly explained at every trailhead. There are user conflicts between type of use within the Moose Range, and this is a human safety issue. Several trail uses often make trails in the Moose Range unusable by other uses because of the impact to the trail. For example, using heavy, motorized vehicles with winches to get through wetland areas of a trail can make it impossible for hikers, bicycles, horses and 4-wheers to pass safely through that same place. Trails in the Moose Range have deteriorated since 1986 to the point where most of the trails have a narrower group of user types because of the degradation. No new motorized trails should be permitted within the Moose Range. Use of motorized vehicles in the spring, summer and autumn should be limited to existing trails. Trails should be maintained, repaired, and improved for the allowable users. In JPUA, a non-motorized, sustainably-built hiking trail up the north side of Wishbone Hill (using stairs in some places—like the West Butte Trail) would be a wonderful addition to the hiking trail options in the Moose Range and in the borough! Upper Moose Creek drainage and Upper Granite Creek drainage should both be off-limits to motorized vehicles except snowmachines in the winter (as was previously written in the 1986 Moose Range Plan).</p> <p>Camping: Camping areas in the Moose Range should be developed, improved and increased for human safety. Toilets, handwashing, safe burn pits, garbage collection, and suitable locations of camping all relate directly to human safety in the Moose Range.</p>	Trails that cross private property should have attention from DNR, with possible outcomes of rerouting the trail onto public land or closing the trail completely.	Public Safety	Private Property
Email	R. Bailey	<p>My name is Randy Bailey and I own 120 acre parcel at the end of Buffalo Mine Road. I was born and raised in Alaska. I have spent many years traveling trails all over Alaska on my horses. The property that I own was previously owned by Len Melton and prior to him the land was used by the farmers in the Mat Su Valley for grazing their livestock. I have made improvements to my property with fencing that allows my horses and mules to graze from spring to fall every year. My property borders the wetlands and we have a private bridge that crosses Moose Creek.</p> <p>This fall during moose hunting season we had some bad actors blazed a trail down my fence line with a Fat Truck. They crossed Moose Creek multiple times and ran across the wetlands to the upper wet lands and Moose Creek canyon. They decided to run the Fat Truck down the canyon - what a stupid decision they made. No normal person would have ever tried that. So after they got stuck in the canyon and having killed three moose (only one of the moose was legal) they are unable to get back out. So they then brought in a D5 Dozer wide track to cross Moose Creek multiple times and cross the wetlands and try to retrieve the Fat Truck from the valley with the Dozer. They made a 10' swath - tearing up everything in their path. They were so arrogant as to kill illegal moose and then doze a road back to get their rig and illegal moose out. Now we will have a steady stream of people trying to use that makeshift road with their rigs/atvs. Alaska is known for its pilots who hunt and it is visible from the air - so now we will have all kinds of people showing up to use the new road to hunt back in the moose range. We need help to keep this area non motorized. Our private bridge is vandalized regularly and our signs are shot up. The moose population is down due to the numerous cow permits given out each year. We need help with clearly marked signs that Moose Creek is a salmon bearing stream and is not to be crossed under any circumstance. We have tried to keep this area as pristine as when we bought it 27 years ago. Please Help!!</p>	<p>My property borders the wetlands and we have a private bridge that crosses Moose Creek.</p> <p>This fall during moose hunting season we had some bad actors blazed a trail down my fence line with a Fat Truck. They crossed Moose Creek multiple times and ran across the wetlands to the upper wet lands and Moose Creek canyon.</p>	Public Safety	Private Property

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Email	A. Culhane	<p>2 of 3: I can no longer ride horseback for any distance because in short order, I encounter knee-deep, slippery ruts. And in fact, there are places where the ruts are so deep that the horses are unable to clamber up the banks. Cross-country skiing and hiking have their own set of challenges. The ATVers make braids after the trails become non-navigable. These braids then become equally as impassable.</p> <p>The portion of the Matanuska Moose Range known as the Moose Meadows was once a pristine trail use area. Now riders take their lives, and the lives of their horses in their hands when riding in this neck of the woods. I was, a few years back, with a friend whose horse went down in a mud pit, one created by vehicular over-use. The mare was soon up to her nose in muck. We had lead ropes with us, and fortunately, were able to pull her out. Consequently, we no longer had access to the Rough Grouse Trail.</p> <p>Hunters in Game Management Area 14-A do not seem to realize that the residential areas border the Matanuska Moose Range, making for a potentially dangerous situation. Local children play alongside the trails off Murphy Road – it is not hard to imagine that someday, a drunken hunter’s bullet might take one out.</p> <p>I’m also requesting that the non-motorized designation be year around, this including during snowmobile season. Their machines are loud, fast, and noisy. And they refuse to slow down. Horses don’t take kindly to this. And it’s near impossible to step aside if you are on a horse because the trailside snow is extremely deep.</p>	Hunters in Game Management Area 14-A do not seem to realize that the residential areas border the Matanuska Moose Range, making for a potentially dangerous situation	Public Safety	Private Property
Survey	Nicholas Mothershead	I have been going to the moose range my entire life and now a bunch of people build and live in houses on its borders and expect the area to change to better accommodate them	I have been going to the moose range my entire life and now a bunch of people build and live in houses on its borders and expect the area to change to better accommodate them	Public Safety	Private Property
Email	J. Mulder	<p>1. Please take into consideration the Jonesville plan. The people who worked on this plan put a lot of time and effort into this. Biweekly meetings were held for months to develop this plan so please honor it.</p> <p>2. Please designate Slipper Lake as a quiet lake with no gas engines and electric motors at most.</p> <p>3. Please promote wildlife and protect non motorized activities by limiting (not eliminating) ATV use. Designating trails with seasonal restrictions would protect that area. The unrestricted use that ATVs have been afforded is destructive to vegetation, wildlife and non motorized activities.</p> <p>4. Please provide separate areas for activities so that people are not shooting guns where other people are fossil hunting for example. Shooting, outside of hunting season, should only be allowed in a designated area set up for that activity only.</p> <p>5. Please make the protection and promotion of fish and wildlife the top priority and allow mining activity and recreation in areas where it can be managed and maintained. The entire Moose Range cannot support unregulated ATV activity.</p> <p>Please accept these comments on the Moose Range and Jonesville Public Use Area review.</p>	Please provide separate areas for activities so that people are not shooting guns where other people are fossil hunting for example. Shooting, outside of hunting season, should only be allowed in a designated area set up for that activity only.	Public Safety	Shooting

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Email	F. Norrsell	<p>1 of 3: I have lived on the edge of the Moose Range for the past decade, and recreated in the area even longer. During this period I have witnessed a consistent degradation of the resource, and unfortunately also much destructive behaviors, primarily by motorized users. A few examples below.</p> <p>* I have witnessed vehicles driving up Moose Creek, through salmon spawning areas. A decade ago I frequently witnessed salmon around the culverts along Murphy Road. I have not observed any salmon in the same areas the last 4-5 years.</p> <p>* One year after the Memorial Day Weekend, a quick walk near Moose Creek at end of State maintenance - Buffalo Mine Road, I encountered over 20 trees that recently had been shot at until they fell over or were dying from extensive damage caused by the bullets.</p> <p>* The use of the area has increased, and trails keep expanding into new previously pristine areas. Both the number of users and the size/weight of vehicles has increased. The motorized trails is increasingly becoming rutted, braided mud-wallows. As a non-motorized user the trails are becoming increasingly unpleasant or impassable. This trail erosion is causing increased sediment loads in the areas waterways.</p> <p>* Along the eroded trails invasive plants are spreading, such as BrittleStem Hempnettle, and Bird Vetch.</p> <p>* In the winter the groomed trails between Murphy and Wendt Road have become a very popular recreation area for non-motorized users. Unfortunately fairly frequently motorized users with wheeled vehicles drive on the trails, causing deep ruts, destroying the efforts of the volunteer trail groomers.</p>	<p>* One year after the Memorial Day Weekend, a quick walk near Moose Creek at end of State maintenance - Buffalo Mine Road, I encountered over 20 trees that recently had been shot at until they fell over or were dying from extensive damage caused by the bullets.</p>	Public Safety	Shooting
Email	J. Winnestaffer	<p>1 of 4: These are my personal comments as a 39-year resident of the Sutton-Moose Creek area surrounded by the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range) and near to the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA).</p> <p>DNR must manage the Moose Range and JPUA lands for human safety!</p> <p>Shooting: There is extremely dangerous shooting behavior by numerous individuals and groups that go to Jonesville Mine area and Buffalo Mine area. This limits the access by other users to these areas because of serious safety hazards created by many shooters who do not have safe shooting practices. The southside of Wishbone Hill should have a clearly designated and safely-built shooting range for public access, that includes allowable daytime hours and year-round access for users. Target shooting in other areas of Jonesville and Buffalo Mine areas should be prohibited, as there are too many residents, recreational users, and traffic for unplanned shooting. The location of this shooting range should be specifically discussed within the Sutton community at a public meeting so that residents who are most-affected by these regular activities can participate in the planning and that the best shooting range plan can be formulated.</p> <p>Law enforcement presence: There needs to be more of a law enforcement presence in JPUA, as well as throughout the Moose Range to enforce state laws, increase public safety, and decrease environmental pollution and degradation. An increase of law enforcement presence would reduce the accumulation of abandoned and burned vehicles at JPUA and it would reduce the litter and trash accumulation throughout the Moose Range. I encourage the state to invite the Chickaloon Native Village Justice Department to help with this effort collaboratively.</p>	<p>: There is extremely dangerous shooting behavior by numerous individuals and groups that go to Jonesville Mine area and Buffalo Mine area. This limits the access by other users to these areas because of serious safety hazards created by many shooters who do not have safe shooting practices. The southside of Wishbone Hill should have a clearly designated and safely-built shooting range for public access, that includes allowable daytime hours and year-round access for users. Target shooting in other areas of Jonesville and Buffalo Mine areas should be prohibited, as there are too many residents, recreational users, and traffic for unplanned shooting.</p>	Public Safety	Shooting

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>7 of 14: Shooting</p> <p>The lack of a designated shooting area and lack of law enforcement has led to a dangerous situation in CNV's ancestral homelands, which includes the area around Jonesville. People coming from outside the local area come to the Jonesville Area to shoot guns at targets, at hillsides, at trash, at old vehicles, with all levels of firepower. The destruction left by OHV's, spent bullet casings, and other trash are a daily reality of living in this area. This destruction is not just limited to specific areas but is constantly expanding as OHV's become more powerful and trails are not maintained, leading to an increasing number of newly created trails and new shooting areas. Noise pollution due to shooting is a daily reality for residents of this area, which leads to a lower quality of life. Local families are avoiding this area, especially on weekends, due to the lack of safety this situation has created.</p> <p>In the JPUA management plan created by the Sutton community and MSB, there are two proposed areas to place shooting ranges. If placed in the proposed southern location, the noise would continue to reach neighborhoods. If placed in the northern location, the noise would be away from neighborhoods, but would fire directly into wetlands.</p>	<p>People coming from outside the local area come to the Jonesville Area to shoot guns at targets, at hillsides, at trash, at old vehicles, with all levels of firepower. The destruction left by OHV's, spent bullet casings, and other trash are a daily reality of living in this area. This destruction is not just limited to specific areas but is constantly expanding as OHV's become more powerful and trails are not maintained, leading to an increasing number of newly created trails and new shooting areas. Noise pollution due to shooting is a daily reality for residents of this area, which leads to a lower quality of life. Local families are avoiding this area, especially on weekends, due to the lack of safety this situation has created.</p>	Public Safety	Shooting
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Email	B. Myrvold	I did send in a filled out questionnaire. I would like to add the following video taken from my home deck on a Saturday a week ago. This is what it is like, very often, with the shooting that happens at Jonesville. I live at 19295 East Poki Drive, Sutton on the Palmer side of Wishbone Hill. What was once a quiet peaceful home is now filled with this sound every weekend, and often on weekdays. Sometimes the noise is so much that one simply cannot be outside. The Jonesville area was, at one time, 'remote' and while it may appear to still be that way to people who drive up here to shoot, it is NOT. More and more people now live in this area. It is filled with subdivisions and homes that are within hearing range of this kind of noise. While making your considerations, please envision what it would be like sitting on YOUR deck listening to this. (commenter also submitted a video)	This is what it is like, very often, with the shooting that happens at Jonesville. What was once a quiet peaceful home is now filled with this (guns) sound every weekend, and often on weekdays. Sometimes the noise is so much that one simply cannot be outside.	Public Safety	Shooting
Email	J. Harry	I live in the 58 mi Road neighborhood. I would love to see the Jonesville Mine area but regulated in a way that we don't hear constant shooting all day until 10 pm on weekends. I love this area, my biggest complaint would be noise pollution from unregulated shooting over there. I don't want to recreate over there due to fear of GETTING SHOT or harrassed by squatters. I am appreciate of any efforts to help regulate this area for safer recreational options.	I would love to see the Jonesville Mine area but regulated in a way that we don't hear constant shooting all day until 10 pm on weekends. I love this area, my biggest complaint would be noise pollution from unregulated shooting over there. I don't want to recreate over there due to fear of GETTING SHOT or harrassed by squatters.	Public Safety	Shooting
Email	K. Johnson-Sullivan	I met you at the last public meeting regarding the Moose Range Management Plan. I brought some video of a Fat Truck tearing up the marsh on the western side, an area with nesting swans and salmon smolt. We just wanted to add that the increased general use of the western side of the Moose Range has also taken a serious toll on the Wendt Road trailhead. We are attaching photos from my walk out there just today. It appears people may be partying/sleeping out there. There are mattresses and tarps and garbage everywhere. There is also a moose carcass right in the middle of the trail on the right of the parking lot. We are out in the Moose Range every day except the month of September, during moose hunting season. The month of August, we only go out early in the morning before target practice begins on and around the trails. We hike, ride horses, and ski out there; it's a very special place. My family and I strongly recommend that the western area of the Moose Range be limited to non-motorized use. The damage from motorized use in these sensitive habitat areas is really appalling. The eastern side of the Moose Range has more gravel and fewer wetlands. My family and I also ride ATVs, so we are not anti-motorized trail users. We just feel it should be done in areas where it won't spoil the wetland habitat. The one bridge over a creek that AK Fish & Game constructed is a nice gesture but is far too little too late at this point.	The month of August, we only go out early in the morning before target practice begins on and around the trails. We hike, ride horses, and ski out there; it's a very special place.	Public Safety	Shooting
Email	E. VandeVisse	I totally support this process and PURPOSE: Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA). I am a concerned resident and neighbor, and have followed the progress of the Jonesville Management Plan. It has taken years, with delays and thoughtful input. This current version of the JPUA is good. It addresses urgent problems of dangerous shooting, trashing, noise, and lawlessness. We have much re-education, remediation, and repair to do to this once-beautiful area. We have great need to insure new protective rules and funding for enforcement. Our population has grown and grown, but we still have the same amount of land in which to enjoy our natural beauty and wildlife. And those are just remnants, and uncontrolled use has devastated those precious areas. Meanwhile, the pressures to develop everything into pavement and houses-- are soaring. We must have the good sense and forethought to protect and RESTORE what little we have left in the Moose Range area. I urge you to quickly, and without any major change, approve and adopt the Update for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range) Management Plan. Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA), which is entirely within the Moose Range. Please do this without picky delays or political pettiness. Thank you so much for including the above in all public testimony records,	This current version of the JPUA is good. It addresses urgent problems of dangerous shooting, trashing, noise, and lawlessness.	Public Safety	Shooting

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	8 of 14: It is recommended in the draft Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan (written by the borough and all interested parties) that there be a specific, designated, and safe shooting range developed with specified hours of use and established enforcement. A location near Slipper Lake might be ideal for year-round access. The location should shoot northward (as there are no residences that direction) and should limit shooting into banked hills on the sides by earthen dikes. There must be clear guidelines of use to ensure safety and to minimize noise pollution. There also must be hours of operation (with night-time hours as quiet). All other locations of the Moose Range should be closed to target shooting and skeet shooting and large explosives. There are too many people using the lands and very unsafe shooting is currently occurring. It is not a matter of if someone will be injured (or worse), but when it will happen.	All other locations of the Moose Range should be closed to target shooting and skeet shooting and large explosives. There are too many people using the lands and very unsafe shooting is currently occurring.	Public Safety	Shooting
Online Portal	C. Larson	1. Make the Moose Range a family and recreation area. 2. Keep ATV on trails and allow use. Do not allow Jeeps or excessive large UTV. 3. Do not allow fire arms within the Moose Range. 4. Mark trails and have a map for , bikes, ATV, ski, hikers, camp ground riles, etc.	Do not allow fire arms within the Moose Range.	Public Safety	Shooting
Online Portal	M. Barker	Even though I live nearby, I have avoided using this area much in recent years due to concerns about public safety, trail damage due to motorized use and difficult access roads (i.e Eska Falls). Allowing multiple uses everywhere, especially motorized use, badly impacts the trails which are largely unsustainable. Shooting needs to be restricted. Trail heads need signage, designated parking areas and restrooms. Road side camping at Kings River /Matanuska River confluence needs to be contained by developing campsites and sanitary facilities. A comprehensive management plan, such as the Knik Public Use Area Management Plan, needs to be created and implemented through active management and dedicated funding.	Shooting needs to be restricted.	Public Safety	Shooting
Online Portal	M. Hejl	I would like to see these areas developed and managed in a way that supports salmon and wildlife habitat and life, as well as non motorized recreation. I am a skier, biker and runner in these areas and frequently use these trails year round. I would like to see bridges to protect salmon streams, sustainable trail development and limits on gun shooting areas in areas where other trail users frequent. I would also like to see limits on trapping in these areas, at least within a reasonable setback distance of trails to protect domestic animals and children. Thank you for your consideration.	limits on gun shooting areas in areas where other trail users frequent.	Public Safety	Shooting
Online Portal	T. Clark	I'm a property and business owner that lives near Jonesville mine. The bed and breakfast I run are right next door to my house. Today, 10/24, there has been non stop gunfire and tannerite explosions. My guest are asking for a refund because of all the noise. Is this what I pay all those taxes for? Who is going to compensate me for my losses? DO SOMETHING TO STOP ALL THE SHOOTING!!!!	there has been non stop gunfire and tannerite explosions. My guest are asking for a refund because of all the noise. Is this what I pay all those taxes for? Who is going to compensate me for my losses? DO SOMETHING TO STOP ALL THE SHOOTING!!!!	Public Safety	Shooting
Online Portal	C. Spitzer	Jonesville is unique from the rest of the moose range. Focus needs to be on recreation management. Shooting must be managed. ENFORCEMENT. The plan put together by the volunteers and adopted by the MSB is a good plan.	Shooting must be managed.	Public Safety	Shooting
Online Portal	K. Johnson-Sullivan	The degradation of trails and marshlands on the west end of the Moose Range is severe. Bigger and more powerful ATVs, some of them amphibious, are wrecking the Moose Range. It has become unusable for any other user groups in any season except winter. I've lived here a long time and never seen the trails in such terrible shape. Target practice ON and ACROSS trails also makes it hazardous for other user groups. This area, which is so important to so many of us, needs better stewardship. Thank you.	Target practice ON and ACROSS trails also makes it hazardous for other user groups	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Taig Hoeger	Discharge of guns and off-road vehicle/ATVs needs to be highly regulated.	Discharge of guns and off-road vehicle/ATVs needs to be highly regulated.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Rick Fleming	Four-wheel vehicles destroy the multi-use trails. I ride an ATV in the summer and snow machines in the winter, but I don't tear things up. People shooting in the Wendt Road Trail Head (happened again just now and sometimes at night in the dark) instead of taking a 5-minute walk to the shooting area. People on wheeled vehicles (SxS, ATV, trucks, etc) driving them wide open throttle down Wendt Road. Every weekend. It's too lawless. Somebody is going to get hurt due to this disregard for the law, safety, and common courtesy.	. People shooting in the Wendt Road Trail Head (happened again just now and sometimes at night in the dark) instead of taking a 5-minute walk to the shooting area.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Ryan Collins	Gunshots, illegal harvesting of moose and trash are the biggest problem issues to me and my family. We're thankful when any trapping that is done there has signage and/or is acknowledged via social media or websites.	Gunshots, illegal harvesting of moose and trash are the biggest problem issues to me and my family. We're thankful when any trapping that is done there has signage and/or is acknowledged via social media or websites.	Public Safety	Shooting

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Survey	Craig Moseley	I have lived on or near this location for 50 years. I have seen a decline in moose over this last 10 years. There has been a large increase in off road vehicles. These vehicles continue to make new trails that are destructive to the land, environment and wetlands. I live on Buffalo Mine road where the Dept of Forestry has permitted areas for cutting firewood & Christmas trees. People have made trails into the woods to harvest these trees and now these trails are being used by recreational people with ATVs. ATVs are having a huge impact on the moose environment, the land & both small & big streams that are spawning grounds for salmon and sanctuaries for small fry. Living and driving the road every day now has become a safety issue. People are shooting beside and across the road and near our home. It is scary for my family. This Moose Range, wetlands and natural land needs to be protected from the destructive use of motorized vehicles.	Living and driving the road every day now has become a safety issue. People are shooting beside and across the road and near our home. It is scary for my family.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Nancy M Pfeiffer	I live adjoining the Moose Range. It is sad to see the devastation caused by off-road vehicles. Trails are turned to impassable muck-mires, especially spring and fall. Random gun shooting near neighborhoods, horses, and people walking in the woods is unacceptable! I realize people want a place to do these things. Let's give them one, but let's save something for those of us who want a quiet peaceful experience. Not to mention the distraction to wildlife and nature, it's not all about us!	Random gun shooting near neighborhoods, horses, and people walking in the woods is unacceptable!	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Timothy Clark	I live close enough to Jonesville mine that the constant shooting has become a quality of life issue. PLEASE do something to stop the shooting at that location.	I live close enough to Jonesville mine that the constant shooting has become a quality of life issue. PLEASE do something to stop the shooting at that location.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Julia Harry	I live in the 58 mi road neighborhood and the near constant shooting all weekend year round gets really tiresome	I live in the 58 mi road neighborhood and the near constant shooting all weekend year round gets really tiresome	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	John Holz	I put that hearing gunshots detracts from my experience however it is the unsafeanner in which the shooting takes place where "ranges" are set up haphazardly.	I put that hearing gunshots detracts from my experience however it is the unsafeanner in which the shooting takes place where "ranges" are set up haphazardly.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Doug Hill	I would be very pleased to see target shooting regulated. People target shoot without backstops. I do not appreciate ORVs trashing anadromous streams, other waterways, wetlands. I appreciate regulated crossings. I do not appreciate off trail ORVs - I feel ORVs need to be regulated. ORV operators should be paying for the damages they are doing to streams, wetlands, drive ways, bike trails, roadways, etc. ... As an aside, the 45 mph rule requires licensing of ORVs. I see most ORVs on roads with no ID. I see them on the streets of Palmer (illegal) - I talk to them and they tell me they have the right out of and in Palmer.	I would be very pleased to see target shooting regulated. People target shoot without backstops.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Laura Pevan	I would like to see the upper Moose Creek wetlands protected, since so many of those areas are state land where people with large fat trucks, dozers, and side-by-sides are getting up there and impacting the landscape. There is an area by Trapper Creek (Oil Well Road) where my family has a cabin, and lack of rules about OHV's has lead to every single trail being absolute destroyed by Argos and other large vehicles. You now can't go anywhere in a 4 wheeler, and walking is now so hard. In a way, that area is now only for the rich, because only those with alot of disposable income can enjoy it. I don't want that to happen in this area!!!! Also, on the weekends when I'm in this area, I can't take one of my dogs, who is so afraid of guns. There is no such thing as enjoying a walk in the upper Buffalo Creek area, or down by the Matanuska River, or Kings River, without hearing tons of people setting of guns in the woods. Where is the enforcement!?!?	Also, on the weekends when I'm in this area, I can't take one of my dogs, who is so afraid of guns. There is no such thing as enjoying a walk in the upper Buffalo Creek area, or down by the Matanuska River, or Kings River, without hearing tons of people setting of guns in the woods. Where is the enforcement!?!?	Public Safety	Shooting

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Survey	Brian Winnestaffer	Larger and larger vehicles are damaging the trails beyond the use of a normal ATV. I can't even ride my horses on some trails now because of the rutting and slippery substrate. The Jonesville area is dangerous to visit with all of the rampant unorganized shooting. This needs to be contained and so does the ATV/ORV use. This needs to be maintained on existing trails. The area North of Wishbone Hill and West of Eska Creek (wetland area) needs to be non-motoized. It currently sees little traffic but that is changing with the Sherp and Phat trucks. The area West of Buffalo Mine Road is getting ravaged by ORVs in the wetland areas. This needs to be a non-motorized or highly controlled area as well. The JPUA has degraded tremendously over the past 20 years. Please do something so us locals want to go and use the place again. As of now I avoid it because of the horrible trail conditions and unsafe shooting practices.	The Jonesville area is dangerous to visit with all of the rampant unorganized shooting. This needs to be contained	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	John & Cheri Day	late night shooting & the trash left by campers seriously detracts from the area Plus Jeeps tearing up the trails ruin them for others	late night shooting & the trash left by campers seriously detracts from the area	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Lisa Wade	Less shooting and unregulated vehicle destruction would be nice. I'm tired of cleaning up trash up there.	Less shooting and unregulated vehicle destruction would be nice. I'm tired of cleaning up trash up there.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Phil Block	Moose range is one of my favorite places to be in the winter. It is a bit unnerving being there with folks shooting guns just anywhere they want and destroying the trail markers.	It is a bit unnerving being there with folks shooting guns just anywhere they want and destroying the trail markers.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	jack t klayum	My family is from Sutton, my grandparents worked that mine. I use to take my kids up there all the time as my dad use to also. I can not go there anymore primarily because of the gun fire, parties, and trash. So sad to see.... I would support a dedicated range there or a full ban of target practicing.	I can not go there anymore primarily because of the gun fire, parties, and trash. So sad to see.... I would support a dedicated range there or a full ban of target practicing.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Sheila Moseley	My husband has lived on or near this location for 50 years. We recently purchased land and are returning to live in the area. There has been a decline in the moose population over the last 10 years. There has been a large increase in off road vehicles for hunting and tree harvesting. These vehicles continue to make new trails that are destructive to the land. ATVs are having a huge impact on the moose environment, the land & both small & big streams that are spawning grounds for salmon and sanctuaries for small fry. Driving the road has become a safety issue. People are shooting beside and across the road and near our home. This Moose Range, wetlands and natural land needs to be protected from the destructive use of motorized vehicles. The firewood cutting permit areas need to be managed and people need to have better guidelines of cutting and proper care of slash.	Driving the road has become a safety issue. People are shooting beside and across the road and near our home	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Kim Troisi	My husband was nearly shot while riding his bike at Moose Range, when there was a group shooting directly into the woods carelessly. Luckily, the bullet passed just in front of him. It was reported at the time. Safety in this area that we love is a huge concern of ours. Thank you!	there was a group shooting directly into the woods carelessly. Safety in this area that we love is a huge concern of ours	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Connie Larson	People who do not use the fire pits for some reason bring pallets to burn in locations folks drive vehicles which leaves nails all over! The shooting is very distracting and motorized vehicles running around all hours of the night. Need a quiet time.	People who do not use the fire pits for some reason bring pallets to burn in locations folks drive vehicles which leaves nails all over! The shooting is very distracting and motorized vehicles running around all hours of the night.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Bill Farabaugh	Please stop all shooting except for hunting. Haven't seen any responsible shooters in the area, they just start blasting! Maintain existing motorized off road routes.	Please stop all shooting except for hunting. Maintain existing motorized off road routes.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Carol McNamara	PLEASE stop the constant shooting!!! i live in the moose range many days are painfully loud!!!	PLEASE stop the constant shooting!!!	Public Safety	Shooting

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Survey	Robin Turk	<p>shooting: some people park at the end of Wendt Road (and probably others) and shoot right from the parking area. Obviously this is extremely unsafe. We need regulations that allow troopers to enforce no shooting from the parking area. The 1/4 mile from road is not enforced here.</p> <p>Destruction of vegetative mat: clearly this was not followed from the current management plan. I think most motorized vehicles are fine, but the monster trucks violate the weight restrictions, destroy vegetation, and create ruts so deep that even other ATV users complain. The Moose Range cannot continue to be the playground for these destructive vehicles.</p> <p>Grooming: winter grooming of trails from Wendt Road to Murphy and around are done by volunteers from the ski club. Most snow machine traffic doesn't tear up the trails, but ATVs destroy all the hard work of grooming. There needs to be more emphasis on sharing and respecting the work of the groomers, by raising awareness of the trail use.</p>	some people park at the end of Wendt Road (and probably others) and shoot right from the parking area. Obviously this is extremely unsafe. We need regulations that allow troopers to enforce no shooting from the parking area.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Drewcilla Holifield	The moose range is a very special place - both for animal habitats and for recreation. The summer recreational vehicles are ruining the trails and the landscape at a frightening speed. It is also frightening to be skiing and hear gun shots at close range. Moose Range and it's ecosystem would be better protected if motorized vehicles weren't allowed in the summer. I know that is not possible in the winter - as a skier I have had a few close calls with snowmachiners coming too fast around blind curves, but I understand that it is a safe place for them as well. The summer ATV's, etc erode the landscape to the point it is barely usable for most of the winter until we have significant snow on the ground. Please consider moving Moose Range to motorized ONLY in the winter. Thank you.	It is also frightening to be skiing and hear gun shots at close range.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Holly Stephens	<p>The use of guns for hunting is fine. The use of guns for target practice needs to be controlled.</p> <p>4wheelers and buggies destroy the ski trails in winter. Snow machines are okay.</p> <p>Trapping near the ski trails needs to be prohibited due to the increased number of skiers and bicyclists recreating with pets.</p> <p>I have hiked some in the summer/fall (from Buffalo Mine Rd), but the trails have become so muddy that it is nearly impassable. Sadly non-motorized activities on those trails has become a thing of the past.</p>	The use of guns for hunting is fine. The use of guns for target practice needs to be controlled.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Kendra Zamzow	There are multiple places I would like to choose on the map as "favorite places". I live within the Moose Range, so I suppose I work and recreate on it almost daily. It's hard to capture that in this questionnaire. I wasn't sure if I should put the number of times I go out specifically to recreate or do stream monitoring (maybe 25 times per year) or I could have put 365 since I walk my dog daily, and that is a kind of recreation for me. There are activities I would like to do around the Jonesville area -- especially fossil hunting and hiking or walking with my dog -- but I do not because of the gunfire and mean people. I am sickened at the way the jeepers and off-road vehicles have invaded the land and terrified more will move into the Castle Mountain area. I would very much like to see them banned from Jonesville and Castle Mountain! Since that isn't "politically correct", could they at least be confined to EXISTING trails.	There are activities I would like to do around the Jonesville area -- especially fossil hunting and hiking or walking with my dog -- but I do not because of the gunfire and mean people. I am sickened at the way the jeepers and off-road vehicles have invaded the land	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	joshua hejl	<p>There have been previous attempts to minimize the impacts of large off-road vehicles in the sensitive areas and salmon streams. So far they have failed.</p> <p>Shooting and litter are widespread. This area is amazing, I would like it to work and be safe for most users. Unfortunately many users believe it is their right to ride everywhere and anywhere. How do we curb this? I have never seen an enforcement officer in the moose range, does one exist?</p> <p>I know this means money, I'll pay a user fee, or more property tax. It's one reason we live here.</p>	Shooting and litter are widespread.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Jethro Swihart	This area is very important to myself, my family, friends, and many others in the community to enjoy hunting, shooting, snowmachining, and off road activities.	Shooting, hunting, shooting, snowmachining, and off road activities.	Public Safety	Shooting

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Survey	Lisbeth Jackson	This area needs restrooms and better parking at Wendt Road. Shooting guns and target practice needs to stop as the number of people using the trails has greatly increased over the years. The trails need to be protected from the monster trucks at all times - they are just too big and tear up the trails too much and destroy bridges and other parts of the trails.. Other ATV's are hard on the trails when it is very wet as well - and with the rain we have had this year has made them unusable for bikers as the ruts are too deep. This is a beautiful area - thank you for helping keep it beautiful and safe.	Shooting guns and target practice needs to stop as the number of people using the trails has greatly increased over the years.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Becky Jane Myrvold	This entire area has changed so much in the last decade, it is imperative to address the fact that many many people call the area around Jonesville home. Hearing constant shooting, so much that it literally sends one indoors sometimes is NOT acceptable. Human waste, trash etc are out of control.	Hearing constant shooting, so much that it literally sends one indoors sometimes is NOT acceptable. Human waste, trash etc are out of control.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	George Rauscher	Too dangerous to camp or bring the family anymore. The state put 9 million into the area and then invited all the state residents to use it but never build a management plan. So people there and houses nearby get shot at. People die there. The community is scared to death and the does nothing.	Too dangerous to camp or bring the family anymore. So people there and houses nearby get shot at. People die there.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Roy Randolph	Too many off road vehicle. Too many people shooting guns.	Too many people shooting guns.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Elizabeth Powers	Trail damage from OHV and trucks/SUVs is extensive near Wendt and Sun Valley Dr. The deep ruts make it difficult to bike or run. Erosion should be mitigated regularly. Large trucks should be prohibited due to the damage to trails and wetlands. OHVs should be restricted during the muddy season to limit damage. My home is on Sun Valley Drive and there is extensive ATV, truck and snow machine traffic on our streets, they are loud and drive too fast. Consider designating specific motorized and non-motorized tails. Winter trail groomers spend a lot of time/energy maintaining trails for skiing and fat biking and they are quickly rutted by snow machines. Uncontrolled use of firearms is a safety concern. People shoot over trails and up target practice on the trails. Consider establishing a target shooting site. With the increase in the amount of use in the moose range, the issues are becoming worse. Consider requiring a parking pass to help pay for management.	Uncontrolled use of firearms is a safety concern. People shoot over trails and up target practice on the trails. Consider establishing a target shooting site.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Michael Carson	Unfortunately, due to the amount of rain this summer and fall the trails were under water and ATVs created new trails!:-{ Also, people were shooting right on the trail!:-{	Also, people were shooting right on the trail!:-{	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Gary Powell	Unregulated shooting in the Jonesville Mine area is annoying and very dangerous. I have left the area at times because of it.	Unregulated shooting in the Jonesville Mine area is annoying and very dangerous. I have left the area at times because of it.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Esperanza Lanphier	When we first moved here, there was a healthy moose populaton. Fish and game has helped decimate that population by over hunting, issuing hundreds of antler less permits. In the regs for unit 14 A, it does not specify not to kill cows with calves, or calves.. The forestry has contributed to the loss and injury of Moose habitat by issuing countless wood cutting permits and not overseeing the damage that has caused. People are using more aggressive vehicles to push into the woods in pursue of one tree. The fire danger has increased because of the piles they leave behind. Shooting from and on the road is a huge safety issue. Our three miles to the pavement can be dangerous because of the shooting. The most recent abuse to this area was a thoughtless distruction of habitat to wetlands and moose habitat when someone took a monster truck into Moose Creek Canyon and followed that with a bull dozer into the prestine moose sanctuary. Please make the upper Moose Creek watershed non motorized.	Shooting from and on the road is a huge safety issue.	Public Safety	Shooting

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Survey	Raena Rowland	We've been using the Moose Range in the Sun Valley Rd. area intensely for one winter. Having a house built with direct trail access was important to us. The intense ATV use in the summer rips the trails up and makes for a late start for grooming in the winter. Snowmachines ride over the freshly groomed tracks made for non-motorized use. I've had my husband groom me a loop and while I was getting ready to go, 15 mins later, a snowmachine had ruined the groom. I would like to see designated motorized and non-motorized trails. I don't like to ski and bike with snowmachines running all around. I hope there's a way to meet the needs of motorized and non-motorized users as well as meeting the needs of promoting moose habitat. I certainly would like to see less or no shooting because it's right behind my house.	I certainly would like to see less or no shooting	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Robyn Hall	I don't visit the area as often as I used to due to the trail destruction. I find it too discouraging when I visit groomed ski trails and find that they have been destroyed by trucks. Or when I go mountain biking but the trail is horribly rutted and widened by ATVs. Or when I go to harvest willow shoots but end up collecting trash instead. Furthermore, I do not feel safe when I show up and the lock has been cut and the sign shot and trash in the parking lot and I can hear and see trucks on the previously groomed trails. This is a wonderful area and I would love to visit it more often if it were not vandalized.	Furthermore, I do not feel safe when I show up and the lock has been cut and the sign shot and trash in the parking lot and I can hear and see trucks on the previously groomed trails	Public Safety	Shooting
Written	K. Johnson-Sullivan	ATV use in the Moose Range is completely unsustainable. They are destroying habitat, destroying preexisting trails, and wrecking wetlands for nesting birds and spawning salmon. ATVs should be ABOLISHED esp. on the west, very wet end of the Moose Range (Motorized use in winter might be okay). The only summer use should be NON-MOTORIZED. ATVs are getting bigger and more powerful & thus more destructive on sensitive environments. PLEASE keep ATVs out of the Moose Range unless it is FROZEN. Thank you. Also: Moose carcasses are regularly dumped at over near the Wendt Rd. trailhead. About 1/4 mile onto the Wendt Rd., there is an area that is used regularly as a shooting range. Shells & garbage are often left behind. Target practice is rampant throughout the range. Many winter users with dogs do NOT use the Moose Range in the winter because of the trapping. Bikers and skiers have very few backcountry options where they can also bring their dog companions. Trapping is a deterrent to non-motorized user groups.	About 1/4 mile onto the Wendt Rd., there is an area that is used regularly as a shooting range. Shells & garbage are often left behind. Target practice is rampant throughout the range.	Public Safety	Shooting
Written	D. Kenney	DNR should use/adopt as much of the Jonesville plan as possible to expedite the process. Draft plans could be completed before the end of the year given how much work has already been done. Dealing particularly w/the shooting and trash before more people get hurt and more of the environment is destroyed is imperative.	Dealing particularly w/the shooting and trash before more people get hurt and more of the environment is destroyed is imperative.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	stan walker	No need for excessive signage, latte stands and other crapola; no point turning the place into Kincaid park. I have no problem in general with snowmobile traffic in the winter, after all this is Alaska. Atvs and large mud bogging rigs should be used on property owned by the people who are ripping the hell out of it, or limited to use on old mining roads. The problem with trying to enact subtle differences like motorized and nonmotorized areas is the reality that there is no means of enforcing the restrictions. If photo radar doesnt work for speeders something like it would not work for enforcement of access restrictions, and the lack of any personnel to catch the scofflaws makes enactment meaningless. Ask Parks personnel how much time was spent trying to catch the guys riding up in the pass in closed areas and if that really stopped the encroachment.	No need for excessive signage.	Public Safety	Signs

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Email	J. Winnestaffer	<p>2 of 4: Highway safety: The Glenn Highway is the primary access road for users of the Moose Range and JPUA. Highway safety would be greatly increased by developing a separated pedestrian/bike/multi-modal pathway adjacent to the Glenn Highway for users of the Moose Range. This is a serious need from Palmer northeast to the Matanuska Glacier (and beyond).</p> <p>Trailheads: Trailheads need to be improved for the safety of users of the Moose Range. Many trailheads are used as informal 'toilet areas' and camping areas. This creates a human health issue when there are no porta-potties or vault toilets and instead there is human excrement all around a trailhead. Restrooms/toilets are needed. Trailheads need signage (including trail maps posted at trailheads) for the safety of users, so they know where the trail is supposed to go and they avoid private property. Trailheads that have a lot of users and are in desperate need of improvements for human health and safety include: Wendt Road, Murphy Road, JPUA, Eska Falls, Kings River, Permanente Trail, Chickaloon River, and Puritan Creek. Trailheads also need ample parking for the current users and projected growth of users in the next 20 years, including space for trucks with trailers to accommodate the busiest seasons. Trailhead parking should be made large enough that the safety hazards are reduced on the highway (currently the parking areas often cause highway dangers as trucks and trailers are slowly moved for parking, as users are unloading or loading trailers, etc.). Roadside signage announcing trailheads is needed and will also reduce highway safety hazards by alerting the highway drivers of possible slow vehicles turning in/out of trailheads. Roadside signage can also greatly enhance the Moose Range user experience and knowledge through the opportunity of interpretive panels at lookouts, pullouts, trailheads, and waysides which should explain natural history, cultural history, cultural activities, fish and wildlife, and other aspects of the locations.</p>	<p>Many trailheads are used as informal 'toilet areas' and camping areas. This creates a human health issue when there are no porta-potties or vault toilets and instead there is human excrement all around a trailhead. Restrooms/toilets are needed.</p>	Public Safety	Toilet
Email	F. Norrsell	<p>2 of 3: * Noise pollution - is an issue for some residents adjacent to the moose range. The noise is primarily caused by excessive motorized use, especially unmuffled vehicles, and unrestricted gun target practices. From Mat-Su borough website: "(A) The borough hereby finds and declares that noise, volume-enhanced sounds and their concomitant vibration are significant sources of environmental pollution which represent a present and increasing threat to public peace and to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the borough. Loud noise and amplified sounds have an adverse effect on the psychological and physiological well-being of persons. It is the intent of this chapter to provide for the prohibition of certain levels of noise and amplified sounds and their resulting vibration within the borough. It is also the intent of this chapter to mitigate the effects of incompatible land uses in accordance with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Comprehensive Plan."</p> <p>* Trash - Large amounts of trash is often found at trailheads popular with motorized users, and along motorized trails. I have found items such as motor-oil containers, aluminum cans, broken glass, all the way up to abandoned snow machines and OHV parts.</p>	<p>* Trash - Large amounts of trash is often found at trailheads popular with motorized users, and along motorized trails. I have found items such as motor-oil containers, aluminum cans, broken glass, all the way up to abandoned snow machines and OHV parts.</p>	Public Safety	Trash

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Email	K. Johnson-Sullivan	<p>I met you at the last public meeting regarding the Moose Range Management Plan. I brought some video of a Fat Truck tearing up the marsh on the western side, an area with nesting swans and salmon smolt.</p> <p>We just wanted to add that the increased general use of the western side of the Moose Range has also taken a serious toll on the Wendt Road trailhead. We are attaching photos from my walk out there just today. It appears people may be partying/sleeping out there. There are mattresses and tarps and garbage everywhere. There is also a moose carcass right in the middle of the trail on the right of the parking lot.</p> <p>We are out in the Moose Range every day except the month of September, during moose hunting season. The month of August, we only go out early in the morning before target practice begins on and around the trails. We hike, ride horses, and ski out there; it's a very special place.</p> <p>My family and I strongly recommend that the western area of the Moose Range be limited to non-motorized use. The damage from motorized use in these sensitive habitat areas is really appalling. The eastern side of the Moose Range has more gravel and fewer wetlands. My family and I also ride ATVs, so we are not anti-motorized trail users. We just feel it should be done in areas where it won't spoil the wetland habitat. The one bridge over a creek that AK Fish & Game constructed is a nice gesture but is far too little too late at this point.</p>	<p>We just wanted to add that the increased general use of the western side of the Moose Range has also taken a serious toll on the Wendt Road trailhead. We are attaching photos from my walk out there just today. It appears people may be partying/sleeping out there. There are mattresses and tarps and garbage everywhere. There is also a moose carcass right in the middle of the trail on the right of the parking lot.</p>	Public Safety	Trash
Survey	Daniel Keim	<p>Dumpsters for people to put their trash in all around slipper lake and the mine. A dedicated shooting range like the one in Fairbanks(on cushman st)where people can shoot in one spot and not have a mess everywhere. Road mantinance.</p>	<p>Dumpsters for people to put their trash in all around slipper lake and the mine. Road mantinance.</p>	Public Safety	Trash
Survey	Tab Gray	<p>I live right near the Wendt Rd trailhead and access the MR often. Over the past few years in this location the amount of activity has really picked up. What used to be a nice quiet area is no longer. The parking lot is always busy and now we have homeless tents there. My wife and I often clean up drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>If I make a path with my snowmachine to a secluded area a trail groomer eventually seems to follow then the skiers and bikes soon follow. It no longer is secluded then.</p> <p>I often camp at a picturesque spot near the swamp with family to observe the swans from a distance. The spot has been found and now is a muddy trail with a penis painted on a tree and my leanto used as firewood.</p> <p>I am often motorized but have enough sense to not ride when real wet to destroy the trails. Moved here 12 years ago and main reason was access to a huge open use area. Too many people anymore.</p>	<p>The parking lot is always busy and now we have homeless tents there. My wife and I often clean up drug paraphernalia.</p>	Public Safety	Trash
Survey	Chelsea Leppanen	<p>I would like to see an ALL inclusive plan, one where ATV riders can SAFELY enjoy trails, trails where people on foot don't have to wade through mud pits made by ATVS, or be ran over along the way. I want speed limits for the roads because i've more than once had to snatch a kid up by the lake area as groups of people come flying down the road. I want to see enforcement for people dumping and trashing the area. people caught dumping should be sentenced to clean it up for x amount of hours and if non compliant be banished from returning. i want the expierence i had growing up here back not the dump and trash spot for anchorage residents to blow up and destroy our beautiful back yard. i should be able to take my nephews and expierence this part of home that was a favorite. on top of seeing our wildlife taken care of to be there for the future and not wiped out entirely.</p>	<p>I want to see enforcement for people dumping and trashing the area. people caught dumping should be sentenced to clean it up for x amount of hours and if non compliant be banished from returning. i want the expierence i had growing up here back not the dump and trash spot for anchorage residents to blow up and destroy our beautiful back yard</p>	Public Safety	Trash
Survey	April Miranda	<p>I would say the first order of action should be taking care of illegal dumping at Jonesville. I am not in support of developing facilities and signage that brings more people to the Moose range.</p>	<p>I would say the first order of action should be taking care of illegal dumping at Jonesville.</p>	Public Safety	Trash
Survey	John & Cheri Day	<p>late night shooting & the trash left by campers seriously detracts from the area Plus Jeeps tearing up the trails ruin them for others</p>	<p>late night shooting & the trash left by campers seriously detracts from the area</p>	Public Safety	Trash
Survey	Antonia Truesdell	<p>Litter and trail erosion have become a huge problem near and around Eska Falls</p>	<p>Litter and trail erosion have become a huge problem near and around Eska Falls</p>	Public Safety	Trash

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Survey	Casey Cook	There are often large bonfire burn piles surrounded by litter, glass bottles, firework debris, etc left by motorized users of the trail system. It is also very common to come across gut piles and other hunting debris left by irresponsible hunters. This is a huge deterrent and very disappointing.	There are often large bonfire burn piles surrounded by litter, glass bottles, firework debris, etc left by motorized users of the trail system. It is also very common to come across gut piles and other hunting debris left by irresponsible hunters. This is a huge deterrent and very disappointing.	Public Safety	Trash
Survey	Billie Haan	We have lived by the Moose Range since 2003. It is a beautiful and unique place for the community to access and should be preserved with that in mind. The trails though have been seriously damaged over the years by ATV use. Some to the point of being almost unusable except in winter after a lot of snow has fallen. And garbage/ carcasses are a big problem too. Overall though, the Moose Range has huge value both as wildlife habitat and community use. Thank you	And garbage/ carcasses are a big problem too.	Public Safety	Trash
Written	K. Johnson-Sullivan	ATV use in the Moose Range is completely unsustainable. They are destroying habitat, destroying preexisting trails, and wrecking wetlands for nesting birds and spawning salmon. ATVs should be ABOLISHED esp. on the west, very wet end of the Moose Range (Motorized use in winter might be okay). The only summer use should be NON-MOTORIZED. ATVs are getting bigger and more powerful & thus more destructive on sensitive environments. PLEASE keep ATVs out of the Moose Range unless it is FROZEN. Thank you. Also: Moose carcasses are regularly dumped at over near the Wendt Rd. trailhead. About 1/4 mile onto the Wendt Rd., there is an area that is used regularly as a shooting range. Shells & garbage are often left behind. Target practice is rampant throughout the range. Many winter users with dogs do NOT use the Moose Range in the winter because of the trapping. Bikers and skiers have very few backcountry options where they can also bring their dog companions. Trapping is a deterrent to non-motorized user groups.	Moose carcasses are regularly dumped at over near the Wendt Rd. trailhead	Public Safety	Trash
Online Portal	M. Barker	Even though I live nearby, I have avoided using this area much in recent years due to concerns about public safety, trail damage due to motorized use and difficult access roads (i.e Eska Falls). Allowing multiple uses everywhere, especially motorized use, badly impacts the trails which are largely unsustainable. Shooting needs to be restricted. Trail heads need signage, designated parking areas and restrooms. Road side camping at Kings River /Matanuska River confluence needs to be contained by developing campsites and sanitary facilities. A comprehensive management plan, such as the Knik Public Use Area Management Plan, needs to be created and implemented through active management and dedicated funding.	I have avoided using this area much in recent years due to concerns about public safety,	Public Safety	
Online Portal	T. Clark	I live and run an airbnb near Jonesville mine. Last night after midnight some asshole was blowing off tannerite. This morning there has been constant gun fire since 6:30. This bullshit has got to be fixed. It's become a quality of life problem. DO SOMETHING TO MAKE IT STOP!!!!	Last night after midnight some asshole was blowing off tannerite. This morning there has been constant gun fire since 6:30. It's become a quality of life problem.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Desiree C	Litter and trash dumped is the largest deterrent as is people laying tacks and screws at the beginning of Jonesville to pop tires. There's a lot of family memories made in the moose range so I hope access does not become blocked	Litter and trash dumped is the largest deterrent as is people laying tacks and screws at the beginning of Jonesville to pop tires.	Public Safety	Trash
Survey	Kristin Drenzek	Love the fossil areas but only go certain times because don't feel safe out there with kids due to shooting and motorized vehicles going really fast.	Love the fossil areas but only go certain times because don't feel safe out there with kids due to shooting and motorized vehicles going really fast.	Public Safety	Shooting
Survey	Taylor Raftery	User conflicts abound in this area. Lack of management, enforcement, or any type of land manager presence has turned the whole Moose Range area into a Wild West scenario. Hands off management doesn't work in higher use/dense residential areas. Stopped coming here as much because of the out of control motorized use, trapping right off trail, dumped moose carcasses, trash, ruined trails, limited access and parking, safety concerns, etc.. Would love to see this become a safe and usable area for a variety of users.	Stopped coming here as much because of the out of control motorized use, trapping right off trail, dumped moose carcasses, trash, ruined trails, limited access and parking, safety concerns, etc..	Public Safety	

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Email	S. Campbell	<p>I'm an Alaska resident for the past 25 years and I've seen the Moose Range trails degraded so much that it's not possible to ride horses and bikes along so many trails now. I used to be able to go on walks there but I have to avoid many trails these days. The type of soil is not compatible with summer use by motorized vehicles and as even the larger, bigger tired ATVs like Argos can't get through the deep mud and swampy areas, they make new bypass trails, which then eventually become impassible so more bypass trails are made. It's really a mess. Back when the population of the Valley was a lot lower, it wasn't such a big problem. I also enjoyed motorized use 20+ years ago. That was before the heavy use destroyed the trails. But now it's so hard to walk, bike, ski, and ride horses on the same trails we used to enjoy. Actually you just can't ride horses over a lot of the trails because it's just not safe due to the conditions from ATV ruts.</p> <p>Letting some users destroy public trails that are meant for everyone is simply not fair. Setting aside some of the Moose Range for nonmotorized use when there is still so much of the Moose Range available to motorized users whose range is much farther than the skiers, bikers, walkers, and horseback riders. The area east of Wendt Road and west of Murphy Road would be a good candidate for non motorized use because they are groomed by ski clubs and the trails there form a small network of loops that are ideal for walkers, etc.</p>	<p>Actually you just can't ride horses over a lot of the trails because it's just not safe</p>	Trail Use	Equestrian
Survey	Robin Turk	<p>shooting: some people park at the end of Wendt Road (and probably others) and shoot right from the parking area. Obviously this is extremely unsafe. We need regulations that allow troopers to enforce no shooting from the parking area. The 1/4 mile from road is not enforced here.</p> <p>Destruction of vegetative mat: clearly this was not followed from the current management plan. I think most motorized vehicles are fine, but the monster trucks violate the weight restrictions, destroy vegetation, and create ruts so deep that even other ATV users complain. The Moose Range cannot continue to be the playground for these destructive vehicles.</p> <p>Grooming: winter grooming of trails from Wendt Road to Murphy and around are done by volunteers from the ski club. Most snow machine traffic doesn't tear up the trails, but ATVs destroy all the hard work of grooming. There needs to be more emphasis on sharing and respecting the work of the groomers, by raising awareness of the trail use.</p>	<p>Destruction of vegetative mat: clearly this was not followed from the current management plan. I think most motorized vehicles are fine, but the monster trucks violate the weight restrictions, destroy vegetation, and create ruts so deep that even other ATV users complain. The Moose Range cannot continue to be the playground for these destructive vehicles.</p>	Trail Use	Habitat
Email	J. Mulder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please take into consideration the Jonesville plan. The people who worked on this plan put a lot of time and effort into this. Biweekly meetings were held for months to develop this plan so please honor it. 2. Please designate Slipper Lake as a quiet lake with no gas engines and electric motors at most. 3. Please promote wildlife and protect non motorized activities by limiting (not eliminating) ATV use. Designating trails with seasonal restrictions would protect that area. The unrestricted use that ATVs have been afforded is destructive to vegetation, wildlife and non motorized activities. 4. Please provide separate areas for activities so that people are not shooting guns where other people are fossil hunting for example. Shooting, outside of hunting season, should only be allowed in a designated area set up for that activity only. 5. Please make the protection and promotion of fish and wildlife the top priority and allow mining activity and recreation in areas where it can be managed and maintained. The entire Moose Range cannot support unregulated ATV activity. <p>Please accept these comments on the Moose Range and Jonesville Public Use Area review.</p>	<p>Please promote wildlife and protect non motorized activities by limiting (not eliminating) ATV use. Designating trails with seasonal restrictions would protect that area. The unrestricted use that ATVs have been afforded is destructive to vegetation, wildlife and non motorized activities.</p>	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Email	S. Bailey	<p>1 of 2: My husband and I purchased the 120 acre parcel we own in 1996. We were so excited to have a beautiful piece of property to escape to and call our own little slice of heaven on earth. We have wonderful neighbors - the Lanphier's, the Bonnell family and recently the Mosely's. We have all taken pride to care for our properties and help look out for each other. Randy and I raised our two sons building our dream ranch on this property. We have fenced our property line so we can keep our livestock there grazing all summer every year. Years ago this property was used by the Cattleman's Association to lease for grazing purposes.</p> <p>My husband, sons, stepsons, nephews and good friends have all spent moose hunting season riding the horse/game trails back to the canyon with our horses and mules to hunt moose over the last 26 years. We have always respected the country by following the laws of the state of Alaska- ADF&G, DNR,DEC and all agencies to keep this country just like we found it. One of the reasons we purchased this property was because it was not practical for any motorized ATV's to use. We have a private bridge to access our property which crosses Moose Creek - a salmon bearing stream. We went through all the permitting process to put the bridge in.</p> <p>This last hunting season August/September 2022 a group of arrogant jerks crossed Moose Creek numerous times with a Fat Truck which left aggregating tracks every where it went. They proceeded across the wetlands and drove the Fat Truck into the canyon which previously has a small path for horses and game to travel. Needless to say they absolutely destroyed that trail. We had so much rain this year that they turned the trail down to the canyon into one enormous mudslide which is now impassable with our horses/mules.</p>	a group of arrogant jerks crossed Moose Creek numerous times with a Fat Truck which left aggregating tracks every where it went. They proceeded across the wetlands and drove the Fat Truck into the canyon which previously has a small path for horses and game to travel. Needless to say they absolutely destroyed that trail	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Email	P. Praetorius	<p>1 of 3: I am writing to provide a public comment on the Matanuska Valley Moose Range and Jonesville Public Use Area. I live surrounding by the Moose Range off of Murphy Road, which is off of Buffalo Mine Road, and the bulk of my comments will concern the trail system at the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range, which is west of Murphy Road, east of Wendt Road, north of Yarrow Road, and south of Arkose Ridge. I have attached a map of this area with marked trails. I believe that the people of the Mat-Su, as well as the people of the greater Southcentral region, both in the near- and long-term, will be best served if this area and its trail system is designated as a nonmotorized recreation area. The recreational use of the trail system at the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range can be divided into two time periods: when the ground is thawed and when it is frozen and snow covered. I believe that the area should be nonmotorized year-round, but I will discuss my reasons for nonmotorized status during both of these periods: Nonmotorized when the ground is thawed</p> <p>According the USGS surveys of the Moose Range, much of the area of the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range has hydric soils of up to 80%, which has poor drainage. This poor drainage has led to extensive trail damage from ATVs and other, larger vehicles. Because of this trail damage, many of the trails are no longer passable by pedestrians, bicyclists, or horseback riders. Many of the trails that we used to ride our horses on when the ground was thawed have, for our use and enjoyment, been destroyed. Not allowing others to enjoy a resource because it has been destroyed by other users is unacceptable. Moreover, one of the trails, known locally as the "corridor trail," and labeled as the "main trail" and "low traverse" on the attached map, is an historic RS2477 trail, and because of the extensive damage caused by ATVs, horseback riders no longer have access to this trail.</p>	<p>I believe that the people of the Mat-Su, as well as the people of the greater Southcentral region, both in the near- and long-term, will be best served if this area and its trail system is designated as a nonmotorized recreation area. The recreational use of the trail system at the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range can be divided into two time periods: when the ground is thawed and when it is frozen and snow covered. I believe that the area should be nonmotorized year-round, but I will discuss my reasons for nonmotorized status during both of these periods: Nonmotorized when the ground is thawed</p>	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Email	F. Norrsell	<p>1 of 3: I have lived on the edge of the Moose Range for the past decade, and recreated in the area even longer. During this period I have witnessed a consistent degradation of the resource, and unfortunately also much destructive behaviors, primarily by motorized users. A few examples below.</p> <p>* I have witnessed vehicles driving up Moose Creek, through salmon spawning areas. A decade ago I frequently witnessed salmon around the culverts along Murphy Road. I have not observed any salmon in the same areas the last 4-5 years.</p> <p>* One year after the Memorial Day Weekend, a quick walk near Moose Creek at end of State maintenance - Buffalo Mine Road, I encountered over 20 trees that recently had been shot at until they fell over or were dying from extensive damage caused by the bullets.</p> <p>* The use of the area has increased, and trails keep expanding into new previously pristine areas. Both the number of users and the size/weight of vehicles has increased. The motorized trails is increasingly becoming rutted, braided mud-wallows. As a non-motorized user the trails are becoming increasingly unpleasant or impassable. This trail erosion is causing increased sediment loads in the areas waterways.</p> <p>* Along the eroded trails invasive plants are spreading, such as BrittleStem Hempnettle, and Bird Vetch.</p> <p>* In the winter the groomed trails between Murphy and Wendt Road have become a very popular recreation area for non-motorized users. Unfortunately fairly frequently motorized users with wheeled vehicles drive on the trails, causing deep ruts, destroying the efforts of the volunteer trail groomers.</p>	<p>* The use of the area has increased, and trails keep expanding into new previously pristine areas. Both the number of users and the size/weight of vehicles has increased. The motorized trails is increasingly becoming rutted, braided mud-wallows. As a non-motorized user the trails are becoming increasingly unpleasant or impassable. This trail erosion is causing increased sediment loads in the areas waterways.</p>	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>12 of 14: •The looser restrictions of a High Use Area should not be expanded throughout the JPUA. The JPUA proposes different levels of restrictions and enforcement within the boundaries of the Public Use Area. If these are in place, the hierarchy of levels of management would be, from least to most restrictive: JPUA High Use Area, JPUA general area, MVMR general area, JPUA “Public Use Sites” (special sites deserving the highest protections). We agree that the JPUA outside of the High Use Area should have more restrictions on activity than the MVMR outside the JPUA.</p> <p>•OHV’s should be restricted to existing trails. Maintaining trails is part of good stewardship. Hand-brushing of trails should be allowed, but creating, widening, or improving trails should go through the Trails Management Process. Basic trail maintenance and signage is essential to protecting against further environmental degradation of the area, since trails that are not maintained will lead OHV users to created new, non-authorized trails. Each of the trails discussed in the proposal has the possibility of being constructed on top of Dene trails. Tribal consultation needs to be acquired for each phase of the trails management plan. A priority should be placed on protecting wetland and other sensitive areas. Vehicle weight limits, and types of vehicles, should be imposed and enforced.</p>	OHV’s should be restricted to existing trails. Maintaining trails is part of good stewardship. Hand-brushing of trails should be allowed, but creating, widening, or improving trails should go through the Trails Management Process. Basic trail maintenance and signage is essential to protecting against further environmental degradation of the area, since trails that are not maintained will lead OHV users to created new, non-authorized trails. Each of the trails discussed in the proposal has the possibility of being constructed on top of Dene trails	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Email	P. Praetorius	<p>2 of 3: Designating the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range as nonmotorized would benefit not only those who use the trails for nonmotorized recreation, but such a designation would also benefit those hunters who, for economic or personal reasons, choose not to use ATVs when hunting. Not surprisingly, because of our typical fall rains, hunters have contributed to a lot of the damage to our trails. Thus, a nonmotorized designation would prevent damage to the area trails and would also serve an equitable function by creating a nonmotorized hunting area close to the majority of Alaska’s population. Finally, designating the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range as nonmotorized while the ground is thawed will allow groups such as a Backcountry Horsemen of Alaska and the Valley Mountain Bikers and Hikers to apply for grants to remediate and improve the area’s trails. There is plenty of grant money available for trail work in the Mat-Su, but no grantor will provide money if the trails will simply be destroyed by continued motorized use.</p>	Designating the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range as nonmotorized would benefit not only those who use the trails for nonmotorized recreation, but such a designation would also benefit those hunters who, for economic or personal reasons, choose not to use ATVs when hunting. Not surprisingly, because of our typical fall rains, hunters have contributed to a lot of the damage to our trails. Thus, a nonmotorized designation would prevent damage to the area trails and would also serve an equitable function by creating a nonmotorized hunting area close to the majority of Alaska’s population.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Email	F. Norrsell	<p>3 of 3: Suggested actions to prevent further degradation of the resource:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Close trails to motorized use during spring break-up. * Establish weight/size restrictions for motorized vehicles. * Decrease use during late summer/fall, when trails often are wet and sensitive to erosion. One way to achieve this is to establish areas for non-motorized hunting. The area between Moose Creek and Wendt road is especially suitable for a non-motorized hunt. The numerous trailheads and relatively short distances in this area makes it very feasible to transport any harvest by non-motorized means. * Establish shooting ranges well away from residential areas, and restrict target practice in areas near residential housing. * Establish signs that promotes respectful use of the resource, and signs outlining restrictions. Enforcements of established restrictions are also needed, to prevent further degradation/destruction of the resources. <p>I appreciate the ongoing efforts to clean-up the Jonesville area. I hope actions can be taken promptly to prevent other areas in the Moose Range from becoming as degraded as the Jonesville area. By promoting responsible use now, hopefully future expensive clean-ups can be avoided.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Close trails to motorized use during spring break-up. * Establish weight/size restrictions for motorized vehicles. * Decrease use during late summer/fall, when trails often are wet and sensitive to erosion. One way to achieve this is to establish areas for non-motorized hunting. The area between Moose Creek and Wendt road is especially suitable for a non-motorized hunt. The numerous trailheads and relatively short distances in this area makes it very feasible to transport any harvest by non-motorized means. 	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Email	J. Winnestaffer	<p>3 of 4: Trail signage: Public trails within the Moose Range should be posted with signs along the trail, so users know where the trail is located and they avoid going onto private property, for everyone’s safety and well-being. Trails that cross private property should have attention from DNR, with possible outcomes of rerouting the trail onto public land or closing the trail completely.</p> <p>Trails: Trails within the Moose Range need attention for human safety. Allowable trail uses should be defined and dis-allowed uses must be clearly explained at every trailhead. There are user conflicts between type of use within the Moose Range, and this is a human safety issue. Several trail uses often make trails in the Moose Range unusable by other uses because of the impact to the trail. For example, using heavy, motorized vehicles with winches to get through wetland areas of a trail can make it impossible for hikers, bicycles, horses and 4-wheers to pass safely through that same place. Trails in the Moose Range have deteriorated since 1986 to the point where most of the trails have a narrower group of user types because of the degradation. No new motorized trails should be permitted within the Moose Range. Use of motorized vehicles in the spring, summer and autumn should be limited to existing trails. Trails should be maintained, repaired, and improved for the allowable users. In JPUA, a non-motorized, sustainably-built hiking trail up the north side of Wishbone Hill (using stairs in some places—like the West Butte Trail) would be a wonderful addition to the hiking trail options in the Moose Range and in the borough! Upper Moose Creek drainage and Upper Granite Creek drainage should both be off-limits to motorized vehicles except snowmachines in the winter (as was previously written in the 1986 Moose Range Plan).</p> <p>Camping: Camping areas in the Moose Range should be developed, improved and increased for human safety. Toilets, handwashing, safe burn pits, garbage collection, and suitable locations of camping all relate directly to human safety in the Moose Range.</p>	<p>For example, using heavy, motorized vehicles with winches to get through wetland areas of a trail can make it impossible for hikers, bicycles, horses and 4-wheers to pass safely through that same place.</p>	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
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Email	K. Kolehmainen	I am writing to provide comment on the Matanuska Valley Moose Range and the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan. I believe it is the best public interest to create a non-motorized area within the Matanuska Moose Range. It is my understanding that an area west of Murphy Road, east of Wendy Road, north of Yarrow Road, and south of Arkose Ridge would best be suited for this purpose largely due to soil types in the area. I am generally in support of motorized areas but unfortunately motorized and non-motorized cannot always coexist. The damage caused by motorized vehicles frequently precludes other users from enjoying the trail system. As an equestrian, I have seen many of the undesignated trails I used to enjoy become rutted, extremely slippery, and too hazardous to ride. Designating a small portion of this use area as non-motorized would be of great benefit to non-motorized users who could then apply for grant funding to repair the trails that have been damaged.	The damage caused by motorized vehicles frequently precludes other users from enjoying the trail system. As an equestrian, I have seen many of the undesignated trails I used to enjoy become rutted, extremely slippery, and too hazardous to ride. Designating a small portion of this use area as non-motorized would be of great benefit to non-motorized users who could then apply for grant funding to repair the trails that have been damaged.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Email	M. Campbell	I visit between Wendt road and the eastern limits of the moose range 12 or more times per year. I do so to hunt upland birds, ski, walk run and bike. The use of motorized vehicles has caused serious deterioration of many trails and honestly it's really hard to walk sometimes because of deep muddy puddles. Going off trail is often preferable when snow free. I don't think the tradeoff in damage to wetlands and uplands is worth it across the moose range. So much available country is motorized east of Palmer up the Matanuska and closing some regions is reasonable without sufficient snow cover is reasonable. This has broad potential benefits such as aiding salmon through reduced siltation of streams and advancing the appeal of the area to non motorized users.	The use of motorized vehicles has caused serious deterioration of many trails and honestly it's really hard to walk sometimes because of deep muddy puddles. Going off trail is often preferable when snow free. I don't think the tradeoff in damage to wetlands and uplands is worth it across the moose range.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Email	D. Moore	I would like to see the area either non motorized between Palmer Fishhook and Murphy Road or restricted Motorized to when the ground can support motorized traffic. This summer the motorized traffic had many of the trails torn up that I don't feel safe trying to ride my horse between the two roads. I use to be able to do this pretty easy with just watching out for a few ruts. Off Road vehicles need to not destroy the trails, just like horse folks stay off other trails where folks walk early in the spring so the trails are good for everybody later in the summer! Please consider making a drastic change to at least part of the Jonesville and Moose Range area so everybody can enjoy the beautiful outdoors Alaska has to offer.	I would like to see the area either non motorized between Palmer Fishhook and Murphy Road or restricted Motorized to when the ground can support motorized traffic. This summer the motorized traffic had many of the trails torn up that I don't feel safe trying to ride my horse between the two roads. I use to be able to do this pretty easy with just watching out for a few ruts.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Email	S. Campbell	I'm an Alaska resident for the past 25 years and I've seen the Moose Range trails degraded so much that it's not possible to ride horses and bikes along so many trails now. I used to be able to go on walks there but I have to avoid many trails these days. The type of soil is not compatible with summer use by motorized vehicles and as even the larger, bigger tired ATVs like Argos can't get through the deep mud and swampy areas, they make new bypass trails, which then eventually become impassible so more bypass trails are made. It's really a mess. Back when the population of the Valley was a lot lower, it wasn't such a big problem. I also enjoyed motorized use 20+ years ago. That was before the heavy use destroyed the trails. But now it's so hard to walk, bike, ski, and ride horses on the same trails we used to enjoy. Actually you just can't ride horses over a lot of the trails because it's just not safe due to the conditions from ATV ruts. Letting some users destroy public trails that are meant for everyone is simply not fair. Setting aside some of the Moose Range for nonmotorized use when there is still so much of the Moose Range available to motorized users whose range is much farther than the skiers, bikers, walkers, and horseback riders. The area east of Wendt Road and west of Murphy Road would be a good candidate for non motorized use because they are groomed by ski clubs and the trails there form a small network of loops that are ideal for walkers, etc.	The type of soil is not compatible with summer use by motorized vehicles and as even the larger, bigger tired ATVs like Argos can't get through the deep mud and swampy areas, they make new bypass trails, which then eventually become impassible so more bypass trails are made. It's really a mess.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Email	R. Bailey	<p>My name is Randy Bailey and I own 120 acre parcel at the end of Buffalo Mine Road. I was born and raised in Alaska. I have spent many years traveling trails all over Alaska on my horses. The property that I own was previously owned by Len Melton and prior to him the land was used by the farmers in the Mat Su Valley for grazing their livestock.</p> <p>I have made improvements to my property with fencing that allows my horses and mules to graze from spring to fall every year. My property borders the wetlands and we have a private bridge that crosses Moose Creek.</p> <p>This fall during moose hunting season we had some bad actors blazed a trail down my fence line with a Fat Truck. They crossed Moose Creek multiple times and ran across the wetlands to the upper wet lands and Moose Creek canyon. They decided to run the Fat Truck down the canyon - what a stupid decision they made. No normal person would have ever tried that. So after they got stuck in the canyon and having killed three moose (only one of the moose was legal) they are unable to get back out. So they then brought in a D5 Dozer wide track to cross Moose Creek multiple times and cross the wetlands and try to retrieve the Fat Truck from the valley with the Dozer. They made a 10' swath - tearing up everything in their path. They were so arrogant as to kill illegal moose and then doze a road back to get their rig and illegal moose out. Now we will have a steady stream of people trying to use that makeshift road with their rigs/atvs. Alaska is known for its pilots who hunt and it is visible from the air - so now we will have all kinds of people showing up to use the new road to hunt back in the moose range. We need help to keep this area non motorized. Our private bridge is vandalized regularly and our signs are shot up. The moose population is down due to the numerous cow permits given out each year. We need help with clearly marked signs that Moose Creek is a salmon bearing stream and is not to be crossed under any circumstance. We have tried to keep this area as pristine as when we bought it 27 years ago. Please Help!!</p>	<p>So they then brought in a D5 Dozer wide track to cross Moose Creek multiple times and cross the wetlands and try to retrieve the Fat Truck from the valley with the Dozer. They made a 10' swath - tearing up everything in their path.</p>	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Email	R. Bailey	<p>My name is Rowdy Bailey and I am 22 years old. I grew up enjoying our 120 acre piece of land at the back end of Buffalo Mine Road. My family, friends and I spend as much time as we possible can up at this property. I especially love to moose hunt from our property with our horses and mules. I know all of the trails like the back of my hand.</p> <p>This fall I caught 2 complete idiots moose hunting with a Fat Truck and absolutely destroying the tundra with that rig. As if that wasn't bad enough they got it stuck down in Moose Creek Valley and why they were so stupid as to take it down there I'll never understand. That is all I can say is "WHY???"</p> <p>They then took a Dozer from the company that they work for - Alaska Directional Drilling and plowed a road to the canyon - tearing up the land even worse. They needed the dozer to get the Fat Truck pulled back up the canyon wall. It is disgusting that they would think this is ok. Not to mention they shot 3 moose and only one was a legal bull.</p> <p>I would like to be involved in the process to keep this area from becoming a complete disaster from more motorized vehicles using this road that previously didn't exist.</p> <p>I want these men prosecuted for the illegal hunting and for them to be responsible for the restoration of the land. I have pictures and videos that I can make available at any time.</p>	keep this area from becoming a complete disaster from more motorized vehicles using this road that previously didn't exist.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Online Portal	C. Larson	1. Make the Moose Range a family and recreation area. 2. Keep ATV on trails and allow use. Do not allow Jeeps or excessive large UTV. 3. Do not allow fire arms within the Moose Range. 4. Mark trails and have a map for , bikes, ATV, ski, hikers, camp ground riles, etc.	Keep ATV on trails and allow use. Do not allow Jeeps or excessive large UTV.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Online Portal	C. Hesselbach	Public facilities (restrooms, dumpsters, picnic sites) are a must in the current post-pandemic age. Since the pandemic began, we have seen a significant increase in users of the State recreational and wilderness areas. Many of the already established public use facilities are barely or not keeping up with the growth. The moose range is a popular recreational zone that would benefit significantly from upgraded trailheads and the establishment of public facilities (bathrooms, waste disposal, established campsites, and picnic/rest areas). Please, consider the establishment of summertime motorized corridors and multi-use trails. This would provide users and managers with specific easements to focus trail-building resources on. Much like Eklutna Lake with its motorized corridor along the north shore, consider an alternating schedule between motorized users and non-motorized users for these trails. Additionally, a free established gun range in the area would be ideal for the safety of all users. Thank you for considering my comments.	Please, consider the establishment of summertime motorized corridors and multi-use trails. This would provide users and managers with specific easements to focus trail-building resources on. Much like Eklutna Lake with its motorized corridor along the north shore, consider an alternating schedule between motorized users and non-motorized users for these trails.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Online Portal	K. Johnson-Sullivan	The degradation of trails and marshlands on the west end of the Moose Range is severe. Bigger and more powerful ATVs, some of them amphibious, are wrecking the Moose Range. It has become unusable for any other user groups in any season except winter. I've lived here a long time and never seen the trails in such terrible shape. Target practice ON and ACROSS trails also makes it hazardous for other user groups. This area, which is so important to so many of us, needs better stewardship. Thank you.	The degradation of trails and marshlands on the west end of the Moose Range is severe. Bigger and more powerful ATVs, some of them amphibious, are wrecking the Moose Range. It has become unusable for any other user groups in any season except winter	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Sam Adams	Big wheel vehicles destroy terrain/habitat/trails	Big wheel vehicles destroy terrain/habitat/trails	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Austin Hart	Close gates to all wheeled vehicle traffic during breakup.	Close gates to all wheeled vehicle traffic during breakup.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Taig Hoeger	Discharge of guns and off-road vehicle/ATVs needs to be highly regulated.	Discharge of guns and off-road vehicle/ATVs needs to be highly regulated.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Cheryl Chapman	During hunting season, only non-motorized hunting should be permitted to preserve the habitat of fish and wildlife and also prevent destruction of the land.	During hunting season, only non-motorized hunting should be permitted to preserve the habitat of fish and wildlife and also prevent destruction of the land.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Survey	Fredrik Norrsell	Having lived in the area for a decade, I have clearly witnessed a degradation of the resource. Motorized Trails are expanding into new areas, and existing trails are becoming very deep, rutted and braided. Trails are becoming so muddy and rutted that walking on the trails is an unpleasant experience. This degradation is primarily caused by increased motorized use, especially during spring breakup, and during fall hunting season. The area between Buffalo Mine Road, and Wendt Road, is a popular winter recreation area for non-motorized users (skiing and biking). The trail grooming is unfortunately frequently destroyed by motorized users in wheeled vehicles, driving on and creating ruts in the groomed snow surface. To protect the resource in the area between Moose Creek and Wendt road, I would like to see this area designated as non-motorized. Alternatively closed to motorized use during spring break-up, and it being designated as a non-motorized hunting area.	Motorized Trails are expanding into new areas, and existing trails are becoming very deep, rutted and braided. Trails are becoming so muddy and rutted that walking on the trails is an unpleasant experience. This degradation is primarily caused by increased motorized use, especially during spring breakup, and during fall hunting season. To protect the resource in the area between Moose Creek and Wendt road, I would like to see this area designated as non-motorized. Alternatively closed to motorized use during spring break-up, and it being designated as a non-motorized hunting area.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Isaac Kelsey	I find many of the trails in the moose range too muddy for hiking or running. ATV's and side x side's cause severe rutting on the trails in non-winter months. I would like to see designated motorized and non-motorized trails, at least during spring, summer, and fall. All of the trails near Boyd Rd appear to be motorized year round and the trail erosion from ATV users in this area is pretty bad.	I find many of the trails in the moose range too muddy for hiking or running. ATV's and side x side's cause severe rutting on the trails in non-winter months. I would like to see designated motorized and non-motorized trails, at least during spring, summer, and fall. All of the trails near Boyd Rd appear to be motorized year round and the trail erosion from ATV users in this area is pretty bad.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Craig Moseley	I have lived on or near this location for 50 years. I have seen a decline in moose over this last 10 years. There has been a large increase in off road vehicles. These vehicles continue to make new trails that are destructive to the land, environment and wetlands. I live on Buffalo Mine road where the Dept of Forestry has permitted areas for cutting firewood & Christmas trees. People have made trails into the woods to harvest these trees and now these trails are being used by recreational people with ATVs. ATVs are having a huge impact on the moose environment, the land & both small & big streams that are spawning grounds for salmon and sanctuaries for small fry. Living and driving the road every day now has become a safety issue. People are shooting beside and across the road and near our home. It is scary for my family. This Moose Range, wetlands and natural land needs to be protected from the destructive use of motorized vehicles.	There has been a large increase in off road vehicles. These vehicles continue to make new trails that are destructive to the land, environment and wetlands. I live on Buffalo Mine road where the Dept of Forestry has permitted areas for cutting firewood & Christmas trees. People have made trails into the woods to harvest these trees and now these trails are being used by recreational people with ATVs	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Jerry Hupp	I have visited trails in the Moose Range over the last 20 years and have increasingly seen damage to trails and wetlands from OHVs. I do not object to motorized access. But, deep ruts in trails from OHVs precludes use by other trail users. I have seen damage to creek crossings and wetlands from OHVs. I would like to see a plan that limits season of use or size OHVs so as to minimize damage to trails used by others. I would also like to see more enforcement of existing regulations.	I have visited trails in the Moose Range over the last 20 years and have increasingly seen damage to trails and wetlands from OHVs. I do not object to motorized access. But, deep ruts in trails from OHVs precludes use by other trail users. I have seen damage to creek crossings and wetlands from OHVs. I would like to see a plan that limits season of use or size OHVs so as to minimize damage to trails used by others. I would also like to see more enforcement of existing regulations.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Alan McClain	I live .5 miles from the Wendt Rd. trailhead and have been using the area for over 20 years. I use the area motorized and non-motorized. Most of the damage to the area seems to be done during moose hunting season by people driving off of, and making new trails. This time is usually very wet and muddy. Also, a lot of damage seems to be done by big side by sides with oversized tires. These machines make it so that other "normal" sized ATVs cannot pass, thus creating a braided trail system. I'm in favor of limited motorized trails for access, limiting the motorized use of the trails during hunting season, redoing the bridges to allow side by sides to use them instead of going around them and causing more erosion, and more education and enforcement in the area.	Most of the damage to the area seems to be done during moose hunting season by people driving off of, and making new trails. This time is usually very wet and muddy. Also, a lot of damage seems to be done by big side by sides with oversized tires. These machines make it so that other "normal" sized ATVs cannot pass, thus creating a braided trail system. I'm in favor of limited motorized trails for access, limiting the motorized use of the trails during hunting season, redoing the bridges to allow side by sides to use them instead of going around them and causing more erosion, and more education and enforcement in the area.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Jacob Bouchelle	I love the Moose Range trails and hope to continue enjoying them for years, but a motorized and non-motorized area would be fantastic! I want everyone to have unabated access to enjoy their medium when in the woods. However, I feel that non-motorized users would greatly benefit from the lack of motorized traffic on the trails and vice versa not having non-motorized folks in your way when on a machine.	a motorized and non-motorized area would be fantastic! I feel that non-motorized users would greatly benefit from the lack of motorized traffic on the trails and vice versa not having non-motorized folks in your way when on a machine.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Keeton Kroon	I think moose range is an incredible area to explore. I mostly use there area accessed from wendt road and do not go to other parts much. This area is best kept undeveloped for wildlife and recreation, but there also needs to be some regulation and designated area for shooting, atv travel and non motorized travel.	This area is best kept undeveloped for wildlife and recreation, but there also needs to be some regulation and designated area for shooting, atv travel and non motorized travel.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Survey	Susan Skvorc	I would like continued mt bike access at Eska falls trail exclusive of Atv trails. More directional signage would be good, especially along trails accessed from Wendt road or Murphy road.	I would like continued mt bike access at Eska falls trail exclusive of Atv trails. More directional signage would be good, especially along trails accessed from Wendt road or Murphy road.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Chelsea Leppanen	I would like to see an ALL inclusive plan, one where ATV riders can SAFELY enjoy trails, trails where people on foot don't have to wade through mud pits made by ATVS, or be ran over along the way. I want speed limits for the roads because i've more than once had to snatch a kid up by the lake area as groups of people come flying down the road. I want to see enforcement for people dumping and trashing the area. people caught dumping should be sentenced to clean it up for x amount of hours and if non compliant be banished from returning. i want the expierence i had growing up here back not the dump and trash spot for anchorage residents to blow up and destroy our beautiful back yard. i should be able to take my nephews and expierence this part of home that was a favorite. on top of seeing our wildlife taken care of to be there for the future and not wiped out entirely.	one where ATV riders can SAFELY enjoy trails, trails where people on foot don't have to wade through mud pits made by ATVS, or be ran over along the way. I want speed limits for the roads because i've more than once had to snatch a kid up by the lake area as groups of people come flying down the road	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Laura Pevan	I would like to see the upper Moose Creek wetlands protected, since so many of those areas are state land where people with large fat trucks, dozers, and side-by-sides are getting up there and impacting the landscape. There is an area by Trapper Creek (Oil Well Road) where my family has a cabin, and lack of rules about OHV's has lead to every single trail being absolute destroyed by Argos and other large vehicles. You now can't go anywhere in a 4 wheeler, and walking is now so hard. In a way, that area is now only for the rich, because only those with alot of disposable income can enjoy it. I don't want that to happen in this area!!!! Also, on the weekends when I'm in this area, I can't take one of my dogs, who is so afraid of guns. There is no such thing as enjoying a walk in the upper Buffalo Creek area, or down by the Matanuska River, or Kings River, without hearing tons of people setting of guns in the woods. Where is the enforcement!?!?	There is an area by Trapper Creek (Oil Well Road) where my family has a cabin, and lack of rules about OHV's has lead to every single trail being absolute destroyed by Argos and other large vehicles. You now can't go anywhere in a 4 wheeler, and walking is now so hard. In a way, that area is now only for the rich, because only those with alot of disposable income can enjoy it. I don't want that to happen in this area!!!!	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Jeff Kase	I would love to see a bigger cleaner parking area at Wendy an then a well marked non-motorized and motorized trail. There is room for all of us. The "ruts" /erosion is awe full to the point those trails become in usable.	I would love to see a bigger cleaner parking area at Wendy an then a well marked non-motorized and motorized trail.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Megan Michaelson	I've used these trails since the 90's for many activities including motorized and non motorized. I feel the people from the surrounding area understand the importance of sharing and being respectful of each other and the trails. My biggest concern is the recent influx of large built up trucks / jeeps which tear up the trails. My opinion is that there be a weight restriction for the trails to accommodate up to a side by side (2000lbs) .	My biggest concern is the recent influx of large built up trucks / jeeps which tear up the trails. My opinion is that there be a weight restriction for the trails to accommodate up to a side by side (2000lbs) .	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Will kober	Illegal hunting and way to many moose permits for this area are increasing every year. Illegal tree harvesting as well, forestry does nothing about it, nor fish and game on the animals. Countless phone calls and trying g to make agency's aware fall on deaf ears. Now with Illegal road building into moose creek from Alaska directional it will only be a matter of time that the moose creek canyon is destroyed. I have seen silvers up in moose creek just above the private property thus year. Motorized usage in the summer will only be pushed to gain access to the canyon due to recent illeagl activities and decimate what's left of the moose up there. I would love to see the canyon and wetlands in the area closed to motorized use for the summers and hunting. I believe for the property owners and the love of the land and animals it needs to be remanaged.	Now with Illegal road building into moose creek from Alaska directional it will only be a matter of time that the moose creek canyon is destroyed. I would love to see the canyon and wetlands in the area closed to motorized use for the summers and hunting.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Mary Ann Holmquist	In the winter there are volunteers who spend a lot of time grooming ski trails for cross-country skiers. When snowmachines travel over these groomed trails they alter it significantly. It would be beneficial if we had designated trails for skiers and snowmachines. Please!	In the winter there are volunteers who spend a lot of time grooming ski trails for cross-country skiers. When snowmachines travel over these groomed trails they alter it significantly. It would be beneficial if we had designated trails for skiers and snowmachines.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Joe Irvine	It only takes one heavy 4 wheel drive vehicle on the trails when they are wet to ruin the trail for everyone except other 4 wheel vehicles. They cause deep ruts & mud bogs on the trails. I'm not talking about ATV 4 wheelers. I can't ride a mountain bike safely on these damaged trails & it destroys salmon & wildlife habitat.	It only takes one heavy 4 wheel drive vehicle on the trails when they are wet to ruin the trail for everyone except other 4 wheel vehicles. They cause deep ruts & mud bogs on the trails. I'm not talking about ATV 4 wheelers. I can't ride a mountain bike safely on these damaged trails & it destroys salmon & wildlife habitat.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Rick Antonio	Large OHVs are damaging trails and salmon habitat. Conflicting uses are making it un-useable. Dedicate winter trails for snowmachines and non-motorized seperate.	Conflicting uses are making it un-useable. Dedicate winter trails for snowmachines and non-motorized seperate.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Survey	John & Cheri Day	late night shooting & the trash left by campers seriously detracts from the area Plus Jeeps tearing up the trails ruin them for others	Jeeps tearing up the trails ruin them for others	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Beau gibb	Leaving a motorized thoroughfare from west MR to East MR seems most logical, however keeping motorized use off of smaller trails to the N and S would greatly preserve the hard work that the groomers do for those for who it was intended to benefit, non motorized use.	Leaving a motorized thoroughfare from west MR to East MR seems most logical, however keeping motorized use off of smaller trails to the N and S would greatly preserve the hard work that the groomers do for those for who it was intended to benefit, non motorized use.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Russell Johanson	Motorized vehicles in both summer and winter have surpassed any imagined capabilities from 1986. They can go anywhere and can destroy any moose habitat, therefore they need to be restricted in this area.	Motorized vehicles in both summer and winter have surpassed any imagined capabilities from 1986. They can go anywhere and can destroy any moose habitat, therefore they need to be restricted in this area.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Elaine Martin	Please allow multi use of all trails. Horse back riding, skiing, snowmachines and four wheeler access is essential. Please designate shooting area separate from trail heads for safety. Please maximize public access while protecting landowners safety. Please allow hunting for everyone. Please prohibit camping on Murphey road.	Please allow multi use of all trails. Horse back riding, skiing, snowmachines and four wheeler access is essential. Please prohibit camping on Murphey road.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Laura McKenzie	Please ban off road jeeps. They and other cars have ruined the trails.	Please ban off road jeeps. They and other cars have ruined the trails.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Robin Turk	shooting: some people park at the end of Wendt Road (and probably others) and shoot right from the parking area. Obviously this is extremely unsafe. We need regulations that allow troopers to enforce no shooting from the parking area. The 1/4 mile from road is not enforced here. Destruction of vegetative mat: clearly this was not followed from the current management plan. I think most motorized vehicles are fine, but the monster trucks violate the weight restrictions, destroy vegetation, and create ruts so deep that even other ATV users complain. The Moose Range cannot continue to be the playground for these destructive vehicles. Grooming: winter grooming of trails from Wendt Road to Murphy and around are done by volunteers from the ski club. Most snow machine traffic doesn't tear up the trails, but ATVs destroy all the hard work of grooming. There needs to be more emphasis on sharing and respecting the work of the groomers, by raising awareness of the trail use.	I think most motorized vehicles are fine, but the monster trucks violate the weight restrictions, destroy vegetation, and create ruts so deep that even other ATV users complain. winter grooming of trails from Wendt Road to Murphy and around are done by volunteers from the ski club. Most snow machine traffic doesn't tear up the trails, but ATVs destroy all the hard work of grooming.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Gina Vukson	Snowmachines are great and I like that it's a multi use area. However every winter, several people will drive their truck or atv down the trails off Wendt, digging their wheels deep into the snow and destroying the trails. This makes that trail unusable for many other users until we get enough snow, which can take a month or more, to fill in the problem they created. I'm not certain if there are rules regarding this, but I don't believe one user should be able to so completely ruin the experience for so many others	Snowmachines are great and I like that it's a multi use area. However every winter, several people will drive their truck or atv down the trails off Wendt, digging their wheels deep into the snow and destroying the trails. This makes that trail unusable for many other users until we get enough snow, which can take a month or more, to fill in the problem they created.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Robbie Nash	Stopping large jacked up trucks on moose range will help, I am for ATVs & side by sides but my property actually borders the range and I see it first hand the Off Road Trucks, Swamp buggies or whatever you call them are tearing up the trails. It is not the ATVs and Side by Sides	Stopping large jacked up trucks on moose range will help, I am for ATVs & side by sides but my property actually borders the range and I see it first hand the Off Road Trucks, Swamp buggies or whatever you call them are tearing up the trails.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Kaylene Johnson-Sullivan	The degradation of trails by ATVs is severe on the west end of the Moose Range. I am there nearly every day of the year. A few days ago, someone showed me this: https://www.facebook.com/reel/3232947233688583 There are nesting swans in that marsh. They were there before the ATV crisscrossed the marsh. They are gone now. I have no problem sharing trails with other users, but the motorized rigs that are taken into that area have just caused too much damage, making it unusable for other user groups in any season but winter.	The degradation of trails by ATVs is severe on the west end of the Moose Range. I have no problem sharing trails with other users, but the motorized rigs that are taken into that area have just caused too much damage, making it unusable for other user groups in any season but winter.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Survey	Drewcilla Holfield	The moose range is a very special place - both for animal habitats and for recreation. The summer recreational vehicles are ruining the trails and the landscape at a frightening speed. It is also frightening to be skiing and hear gun shots at close range. Moose Range and it's ecosystem would be better protected if motorized vehicles weren't allowed in the summer. I know that is not possible in the winter - as a skier I have had a few close calls with snowmachiners coming too fast around blind curves, but I understand that it is a safe place for them as well. The summer ATV's, etc erode the landscape to the point it is barely usable for most of the winter until we have significant snow on the ground. Please consider moving Moose Range to motorized ONLY in the winter. Thank you.	The summer recreational vehicles are ruining the trails and the landscape at a frightening speed. It is also frightening to be skiing and hear gun shots at close range. Moose Range and it's ecosystem would be better protected if motorized vehicles weren't allowed in the summer. I know that is not possible in the winter - as a skier I have had a few close calls with snowmachiners coming too fast around blind curves, but I understand that it is a safe place for them as well. The summer ATV's, etc erode the landscape to the point it is barely usable for most of the winter until we have significant snow on the ground. Please consider moving Moose Range to motorized ONLY in the winter	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Sarah Osborne	The most important thing for me in this area are functional trails. I don't own a SBS and am not opposed to sharing trails with them. rippy is a great example of shared use that doesn't ruin the trail for other users. But it sucks that due to fragile soils, poor planning/regulation, and a lack of stewardship by motorized user groups, there are hardly any good hiking/biking trails in the upper valley. I live on Permanent Rd and used to bike on it, now it's totally unbikeable due to huge mudpits caused by sbs. same goes for Purinton, totally unrideable now. Eska Falls -ruined. Thankfully VMBAH and the MSB built an amazing hiking trail which is my absolute fav trail in the valley. I get it, we all have to share...but we need to either build durable trails that we can all share, or we need to have separate trails. Second most important issue- NO TRAPPING near popular trails! it's dangerous to kids/pets and should be limited to less popular areas! No trapping at the Wendt Moose Range.	The most important thing for me in this area are functional trails. I don't own a SBS and am not opposed to sharing trails with them. But it sucks that due to fragile soils, poor planning/regulation, and a lack of stewardship by motorized user groups, there are hardly any good hiking/biking trails in the upper valley. I get it, we all have to share...but we need to either build durable trails that we can all share, or we need to have separate trails. Second most important issue- NO TRAPPING near popular trails! it's dangerous to kids/pets and should be limited to less popular areas! No trapping at the Wendt Moose Range.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Holly Stephens	The use of guns for hunting is fine. The use of guns for target practice needs to be controlled. 4wheelers and buggies destroy the ski trails in winter. Snow machines are okay. Trapping near the ski trails needs to be prohibited due to the increased number of skiers and bicyclists recreating with pets. I have hiked some in the summer/fall (from Buffalo Mine Rd), but the trails have become so muddy that it is nearly impassable. Sadly non-motorized activities on those trails has become a thing of the past.	4wheelers and buggies destroy the ski trails in winter. Snow machines are okay. I have hiked some in the summer/fall (from Buffalo Mine Rd), but the trails have become so muddy that it is nearly impassable. Sadly non-motorized activities on those trails has become a thing of the past.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Isaac Rowland	The Wendt side trails are essentially un-useable for non-motorized traffic through much of the summer. This is disappointing as a local resident. I also volunteer as a trail groomer in the winter, and also spend much of the early winter trying to fix the ruts frozen in place during the fall. Although I don't wish to stop motorized traffic, some split motorized / non-motorized routes may be of value. I tend to view interpretive / warning signs off the road as a different form of litter, particularly since they tend to get vandalized. Limited trail signs and trailhead maps are of value. I also found the Moose Range lacks functional protection in other ways. A new development around Mi 7.8 on Palmer Fishhook was directly draining large quantities of stormwater runoff into the wetlands during the summer of 2022. It flooded a trailhead and silted in wetlands, but there didn't appear to be a reporting mechanism.	The Wendt side trails are essentially un-useable for non-motorized traffic through much of the summer. Although I don't wish to stop motorized traffic, some split motorized / non-motorized routes may be of value. I tend to view interpretive / warning signs off the road as a different form of litter, particularly since they tend to get vandalized. Limited trail signs and trailhead maps are of value. A new development around Mi 7.8 on Palmer Fishhook was directly draining large quantities of stormwater runoff into the wetlands during the summer of 2022. It flooded a trailhead and silted in wetlands, but there didn't appear to be a reporting mechanism.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Stephanie Nowers	This should be a multiuser area. But there needs to be some separation for some non motorized trails. In the Summer and Fall, we are able to get through the boggy sections, but less able folks can not navigate the muddy, water filled ruts.	This should be a multiuser area. But there needs to be some separation for some non motorized trails	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Survey	Elizabeth Powers	<p>Trail damage from OHV and trucks/SUVs is extensive near Wendt and Sun Valley Dr. The deep ruts make it difficult to bike or run. Erosion should be mitigated regularly. Large trucks should be prohibited due to the damage to trails and wetlands. OHVs should be restricted during the muddy season to limit damage.</p> <p>My home is on Sun Valley Drive and there is extensive ATV, truck and snow machine traffic on our streets, they are loud and drive too fast.</p> <p>Consider designating specific motorized and non-motorized trails. Winter trail groomers spend a lot of time/energy maintaining trails for skiing and fat biking and they are quickly rutted by snow machines.</p> <p>Uncontrolled use of firearms is a safety concern. People shoot over trails and up target practice on the trails. Consider establishing a target shooting site.</p> <p>With the increase in the amount of use in the moose range, the issues are becoming worse. Consider requiring a parking pass to help pay for management.</p>	Trail damage from OHV and trucks/SUVs is extensive near Wendt and Sun Valley Dr. The deep ruts make it difficult to bike or run. Erosion should be mitigated regularly. Large trucks should be prohibited due to the damage to trails and wetlands. OHVs should be restricted during the muddy season to limit damage. Consider requiring a parking pass to help pay for management.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Raena Rowland	<p>We've been using the Moose Range in the Sun Valley Rd. area intensely for one winter. Having a house built with direct trail access was important to us. The intense ATV use in the summer rips the trails up and makes for a late start for grooming in the winter. Snowmachines ride over the freshly groomed tracks made for non-motorized use. I've had my husband groom me a loop and while I was getting ready to go, 15 mins later, a snowmachine had ruined the groom. I would like to see designated motorized and non-motorized trails. I don't like to ski and bike with snowmachines running all around. I hope there's a way to meet the needs of motorized and non-motorized users as well as meeting the needs of promoting moose habitat. I certainly would like to see less or no shooting because it's right behind my house.</p>	The intense ATV use in the summer rips the trails up and makes for a late start for grooming in the winter. Snowmachines ride over the freshly groomed tracks made for non-motorized use. I hope there's a way to meet the needs of motorized and non-motorized users as well as meeting the needs of promoting moose habitat. I certainly would like to see less or no shooting	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Adam R Bradway	<p>While I understand the need for motorized spaces, I think that the highly trafficked trails between Wendt Road and Buffalo Mine Road should be non-motorized. The amount of winter traffic has grown substantially and the groomed trails are torn up almost immediately. I would be in support of only allowing winter motorized use through the main swamp corridor for access purposes, but the small side trails cant handle it. Also, there should not be summer motorized use in that area either, its one big swamp with a delicate eco system. There really isn't much benefit to allowing summer use in this area.</p> <p>I am in full support of expanded motorized use and investment in motorized trails in the more remote areas of the range. But those areas should be treated differently because of user demographics and numbers.</p>	I think that the highly trafficked trails between Wendt Road and Buffalo Mine Road should be non-motorized. I would be in support of only allowing winter motorized use through the main swamp corridor for access purposes, but the small side trails cant handle it. Also, there should not be summer motorized use in that area either, its one big swamp with a delicate eco system. There really isn't much benefit to allowing summer use in this area. I am in full support of expanded motorized use and investment in motorized trails in the more remote areas of the range. But those areas should be treated differently because of user demographics and numbers.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Hannah Kroon	<p>It is unfortunate that trapping is allowed in Moose Range, because this makes it risky to come with our dogs. It would also be nice for there to be designated motorized trails, so that there could be well preserved non-motorized trails that wouldn't have ruts and would be much better for recreating year round. I would like to see the trail system improved and better established for non-motorized recreation since it is such a beautiful area with miles and miles of trails. We love it there but are concerned that with the growing population in the Matsu Valley that there needs to be better control of the Moose Range. Thank you for working on drafting a new management plan!</p>	It would also be nice for there to be designated motorized trails, so that there could be well preserved non-motorized trails that wouldn't have ruts and would be much better for recreating year round. I would like to see the trail system improved and better established for non-motorized recreation	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Jinny Cooper	<p>The motorized wheeled vehicles on the groomed trails during breakup and winter absolutely ruin the trails -- there are a lot of money/donations, time and effort spent on those trails and it's very frustrating to witness the disrespect and destruction. Also, they don't stay on the trails, damaging the habitat.</p>	The motorized wheeled vehicles on the groomed trails during breakup and winter absolutely ruin the trails. Also, they don't stay on the trails, damaging the habitat.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized

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Survey	Rhonda Stark	I love that so many people enjoy recreating in the moose range. And also am pleased to see some focus on the area to maybe improve the situation. The user numbers are growing and that is causing some friction and even some safety issues. Not to mention increased lawlessness. Also, signage is a bit of a waste as there is a 'user group' that makes it their mission to destroy all signs. A great majority of the trail damage has been caused by heavy off trail rigs - albeit many that are licensed street vehicles out bogging. Unless we have an extended dry spell during the summer the trails are pretty much troughs of mud and water greatly hampering most other summer uses. Winter though still allows for much varied use and that is when we spend much of our time enjoying the trails and off trail. We hike, dog walk, xc ski, snow shoe and snow machine - snow machining mostly off trail up in foothills and very very mindful and cautious when on a trail.	A great majority of the trail damage has been caused by heavy off trail rigs - albeit many that are licensed street vehicles out bogging.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Survey	Roy Randolph	Too many off road vehicle. Too many people shooting guns.	Too many off road vehicle	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Written	C. Overby	Forestry restricts burning when its too dry, but no one restricts ATVs when it's too wet and they are free to do their damage with no consequences. People shoot nonstop especially weekends and Sundays. Maybe Sunday could be set aside for some peace and quiet. Good luck trying to enforce any of this because its almost impossible to legislate common sense to people who have none.	Forestry restricts burning when its too dry, but no one restricts ATVs when it's too wet and they are free to do their damage with no consequences.	Trail Use	Limited Motorized
Online Portal	G. Ellis	I just wanted to take a few moments to weigh in on any proposed usage changes for the Moose Range trail system. It is important to balance all user groups needs, and since motorized use is by far the largest user group, I would strongly encourage you to NOT consider closing any existing trails to motorized access. This is a deeply unfair practice, and is inconsistent with the principle of equal access for all. If there are conflicts between user groups and if there is a desire for non-motorized trails, I would suggest creating a few new trails for non-motorized users. That way you're meeting the needs of all groups without discriminating against anyone. I have been an active user of the entire Moose Range area for more than a decade primarily via an off-road truck. I am extremely conscientious of other users and would never dream of asking authorities to close off access to another user group. That being said, I very seldom have come across any user other than motorized and have never experienced a conflict with anyone, so choosing to discriminate against someone like me based on the complaints/bad experiences of a small minority seems highly inappropriate. It is also worth noting that areas suitable for motorized access close to home are very much more limited than non-motorized. The Moose Range is a very large area and allows many motorized users easy access for recreation. Closing this off would force motorized users onto other trails and increase congestion, trail wear, and the possibility of further conflicts. We need to be looking for solutions that expand access for ALL users, not decreasing access for motorized users. A positive approach like that taken at Jim Creek and Jonesville public use areas is really a much better approach, especially if a good trailhead system can be used to help guide different user groups to trails more suited to their recreational styles. I appreciate your taking the time to hear my thoughts, and please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions.	motorized use is by far the largest user group, I would strongly encourage you to NOT consider closing any existing trails to motorized access. This is a deeply unfair practice, and is inconsistent with the principle of equal access for all. If there are conflicts between user groups and if there is a desire for non-motorized trails, I would suggest creating a few new trails for non-motorized users. That way you're meeting the needs of all groups without discriminating against anyone.	Trail Use	Motorized

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Online Portal	J. Stone	I live near to the Moose Range and enjoy its access for motorized use during the winter for snowmachines and snowbikes. Having the ability to access these lands for real creation is a major decision point in why I chose to live here. During winter, the snow is generally sufficient enough to cover vegetation and creeks. There is little to no environmental degradation to using snowmachines or snowbikes. I hope the access remains unchanged.	enjoy its access for motorized use during the winter for snowmachines and snowbikes. Having the ability to access these lands for real creation is a major decision point in why I chose to live here. During winter, the snow is generally sufficient enough to cover vegetation and creeks. There is little to no environmental degradation to using snowmachines or snowbikes. I hope the access remains unchanged.	Trail Use	Motorized
Online Portal	D. Thieman	I ride trails on motorized dirt bikes in jonesville with my kids. Please keep access open. I ride off trail sometimes too.	I ride trails on motorized dirt bikes in jonesville with my kids. Please keep access open. I ride off trail sometimes too.	Trail Use	Motorized
Online Portal	B. Thickstun	I'm a local resident that uses Jonesville & Moose Range both summer & winter. This is a great place to take the dirt bikes & snowmachines. Eventually I'd like to even see a better trail system for users both motorized & non motorized.	This is a great place to take the dirt bikes & snowmachines. Eventually I'd like to even see a better trail system for users both motorized & non motorized.	Trail Use	Motorized
Online Portal	T. Johnson	Motorized use in the Jonesville area has been an important access for hunting and for recreation for decades. My first time back in the area was 48 years ago moose hunting with my father and brother. Since then motorized access and use in the area has grown and many families rely on and enjoy the area. It must remain open to all season motorized public access.	Motorized use in the Jonesville area has been an important access for hunting and for recreation for decades. Since then motorized access and use in the area has grown and many families rely on and enjoy the area. It must remain open to all season motorized public access.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Jeremiah lewis	Don't be fucking with another one of our areas. I assume this is because of greenies and their fucking plots to shut it down. The big picture is, it's a little contradictory for skiers to yell at us when they're skiing on the trails that we made. Alaska is a big fucking place, they can find another place to ski or jerk each other off whatever it is they do. That's one of our best riding places and we take care of it, there's never trash or bullet casings up there, we recreate and hunt up there and don't bother anyone. I've never in my life seen someone up there That's not on one so they can get fucked.	That's one of our best riding places and we take care of it, there's never trash or bullet casings up there, we recreate and hunt up there and don't bother anyone.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Drew Jones	id like to see an expansion of the motorized trail systems for recreational activities like dirt bikes and four wheelers	id like to see an expansion of the motorized trail systems for recreational activities like dirt bikes and four wheelers	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Josh Allison	It's no surprise that atv's, side by sides, Dirtbikes and other things may be under attack. I watched what they did to the kenai by making trails regulated to only walking or hiking. This is Alaska, we should not be restricted when enjoying our off road vehicles. The world seems to lean left, about fossil fuels, let's not forget what this state would be without that. We are not the bad guys, don't take away what little joy we have left.	watched what they did to the kenai by making trails regulated to only walking or hiking. This is Alaska, we should not be restricted when enjoying our off road vehicles.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Robert Kemper	Keep all existing 4x4/ATV trails open. I've been using the area for recreation for years and never seen a single hiker on any of the trails.	Keep all existing 4x4/ATV trails open.	Trail Use	Motorized

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Survey	Michael Adams	Please don't limit motorized access to this area.	Please don't limit motorized access to this area.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Erich Schaal	Please keep it open to atvs	Please keep it open to atvs	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Gary Ellis	Please keep this area open to motorised use. We value and cherish this area and are the largest user group. Please don't take this beautiful resource away from us!	Please keep this area open to motorised use. We value and cherish this area and are the largest user group.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Jason cloud	Please leave the trails open to year round use.	Please leave the trails open to year round use.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Benjamin Swihart	The moose range is a great place to recreate with family and friends on atvs and snowmobiles. Hunting with my kids in the moose range is a essential part of the Alaskan lifestyle.	The moose range is a great place to recreate with family and friends on atvs and snowmobiles.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Jethro Swihart	This area is very important to myself, my family, friends, and many others in the community to enjoy hunting, shooting, snowmachining, and off road activities.	enjoy hunting, shooting, snowmachining, and off road activities.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	Bill Farabaugh	Please stop all shooting except for hunting. Haven't seen any responsible shooters in the area, they just start blasting! Maintain existing motorized off road routes.	Maintain existing motorized off road routes.	Trail Use	Motorized
Survey	David Gehring	I remember first coming out here with the ER Natural History museum (now no longer) as a kid when I lived in ER. We went to the end of the Jonesville striptill Rd, and also over to Coyote Lake. I remember it super well because it was one of the highlights of my youth as a kid. I still to this day have a ~20 pound rock with fern and tree fossils all over it. Nowadays I still show people the area, especially by Coyote lake when looking for fossils and they're in amazement at the place. Nothing anyone else has done or are actively doing has taken away from any enjoyment from that. I also like going off-roading there, just the bumpy roads can whet my appetite, not to mention the areas up towards Eska Falls, one of the few areas in a 100 mile radius that can be properly challenging, and that's a attribute, not a detriment. The same goes to target shooting, I don't see the need to turn it into another Maud road style shooting range. Just leave it alone, the place ain't broke, don't fix it.	I also like going off-roading there, just the bumpy roads can whet my appetite, not to mention the areas up towards Eska Falls, one of the few areas in a 100 mile radius that can be properly challenging, and that's a attribute, not a detriment.	Trail Use	Motorized
Email		1 of 2: I have lived and recreated on the Moose Range from Buffalo Mine Rd access since 2003. The degradation of the trail system has been disheartening at best, appalling at the extent and severity of damage. Original intent of this area use was never intended for the motorized vehicle use that has caused the changes to these wetland areas. Streams in 2003 that were 3 ft across and 8 in deep with salmon seen working their way upstream to spawn are now impassable to all users except the the motorized users with the largest machine that create more and more damage, limiting even other motorized users. Miles of trails have ruts with 2 ft plus steep banks that disrupt healthy drainage, create dangerous two direction travel, completely foil grooming efforts and safe passing. Motorized users have no advance warning of dog teams, bikers, walkers skiers or other motorized traffic to avoid accidents, especially at the excess speed of the oblivious driver.	The degradation of the trail system has been disheartening at best, appalling at the extent and severity of damage. Original intent of this area use was never intended for the motorized vehicle use that has caused the changes to these wetland areas. Streams in 2003 that were 3 ft across and 8 in deep with salmon seen working their way upstream to spawn are now impassable to all users except the the motorized users with the largest machine that create more and more damage, limiting even other motorized users. Miles of trails have ruts with 2 ft plus steep banks that disrupt healthy drainage, create dangerous two direction travel, completely foil grooming efforts and safe passing. Motorized users have no advance warning of dog teams, bikers, walkers skiers or other motorized traffic to avoid accidents, especially at the excess speed of the oblivious driver.	Trail Use	Non Motorized

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Email	F. Norrsell	<p>1 of 3: I have lived on the edge of the Moose Range for the past decade, and recreated in the area even longer. During this period I have witnessed a consistent degradation of the resource, and unfortunately also much destructive behaviors, primarily by motorized users. A few examples below.</p> <p>* I have witnessed vehicles driving up Moose Creek, through salmon spawning areas. A decade ago I frequently witnessed salmon around the culverts along Murphy Road. I have not observed any salmon in the same areas the last 4-5 years.</p> <p>* One year after the Memorial Day Weekend, a quick walk near Moose Creek at end of State maintenance - Buffalo Mine Road, I encountered over 20 trees that recently had been shot at until they fell over or were dying from extensive damage caused by the bullets.</p> <p>* The use of the area has increased, and trails keep expanding into new previously pristine areas. Both the number of users and the size/weight of vehicles has increased. The motorized trails is increasingly becoming rutted, braided mud-wallows. As a non-motorized user the trails are becoming increasingly unpleasant or impassable. This trail erosion is causing increased sediment loads in the areas waterways.</p> <p>* Along the eroded trails invasive plants are spreading, such as BrittleStem Hempnettle, and Bird Vetch.</p> <p>* In the winter the groomed trails between Murphy and Wendt Road have become a very popular recreation area for non-motorized users. Unfortunately fairly frequently motorized users with wheeled vehicles drive on the trails, causing deep ruts, destroying the efforts of the volunteer trail groomers.</p>	<p>* In the winter the groomed trails between Murphy and Wendt Road have become a very popular recreation area for non-motorized users. Unfortunately fairly frequently motorized users with wheeled vehicles drive on the trails, causing deep ruts, destroying the efforts of the volunteer trail groomers.</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Email	A. Culhane	<p>1 of 3: I'm writing this letter in support of your making the west side of the Matanuska Moose Range non-motorized, year around. I would not be making the request for a non-motorized designation if vehicular users took responsibility for their actions. The problem is, they refuse to do so.</p> <p>My perspective is that of long-time outdoor recreationist. My husband and I moved to our off-the grid homestead 21 years ago. We chose our current location because we presumed that having a trail system in our backyard would allow us to continue to hike, bicycle, cross-country ski and horseback ride.</p> <p>I have since been out on the Matanuska Moose Range trails on a daily basis. I can tell you where the spruce hens nest, the porcupines hang out, and the moose meander. I forage some, bringing home fiddlehead ferns in the spring, and high bush cranberries in the fall. I observe the change of the seasons, and take great joy in watching the fireweed at Grizzly Camp come into bloom.</p> <p>Over the years I've become increasingly more frustrated as the Matanuska Moose Range trail system has become increasingly more trashed by vehicular traffic. The trails were originally single-track – they're now rutted, muddy, quagmires.</p> <p>You name it, I've seen it out there; everything from dirt bikes to Chevy pick-ups. The wanton disregard for other recreational users' enjoyment continues to make itself apparent in their attitude towards silent sports enthusiasts. For example, I've asked the motorists at the Murphy Road Trailhead to wait until the ground firms up before heading out, and been told that "this is state land and I can do what I want," "I'm not the one causing the damage," and "These are ATV trails." Their responses have also been prefaced by the words "stupid bitch."</p>	<p>in support of your making the west side of the Matanuska Moose Range non-motorized, year around. I would not be making the request for a non-motorized designation if vehicular users took responsibility for their actions. The problem is, they refuse to do so. Over the years I've become increasingly more frustrated as the Matanuska Moose Range trail system has become increasingly more trashed by vehicular traffic. The trails were originally single-track – they're now rutted, muddy, quagmires. You name it, I've seen it out there; everything from dirt bikes to Chevy pick-ups. The wanton disregard for other recreational users' enjoyment continues to make itself apparent in their attitude towards silent sports enthusiasts. For example, I've asked the motorists at the Murphy Road Trailhead to wait until the ground firms up before heading out, and been told that "this is state land and I can do what I want," "I'm not the one causing the damage," and "These are ATV trails."</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized

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Email	P. Praetorius	<p>3 OF 3: Nonmotorized when the ground is frozen and snow covered</p> <p>Some might argue that motorized vehicles should be allowed when the ground is frozen and not subject to damage from motorized vehicles. This argument fails to recognize the rights of nonmotorized users. The Mat-Su Ski Club and numerous volunteer groomers have since around 2006 groomed an extensive network of trails (see attached map). Motor vehicles (e.g. snow machines, ATVs, large track vehicles) damage groomed trails, which prevents other users from fully appreciating and enjoying these trails. Skiers and fat tire bicyclists come from all over Southcentral Alaska to enjoy the trails in the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range. Thinking long-term, designating this area as nonmotorized will create a premier winter recreation area. Conclusion</p> <p>The western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range is a small portion of the 130,000 acre Matanuska Moose Range – smaller, even, than the Jonesville Public Use Area. Those wishing to enjoy the Moose Range with motorized vehicles will still have is a huge area to recreate, and the bulk of the area open to motorized recreation will be on ground that is better drained and more appropriate to motorized travel. To facilitate motorized recreation, DNR, along with the Mat-Su Borough, should consider creating a parking lot at the beginning of the Usibelli pioneer road on the Glenn Highway. This would provide easy access to much of the Moose range, including the Jonesville Public Use Area.</p>	<p>Nonmotorized when the ground is frozen and snow covered</p> <p>Some might argue that motorized vehicles should be allowed when the ground is frozen and not subject to damage from motorized vehicles. This argument fails to recognize the rights of nonmotorized users</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized

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Email	K. Kolehmainen	<p>I am writing to provide comment on the Matanuska Valley Moose Range and the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan. I believe it is the best public interest to create a non-motorized area within the Matanuska Moose Range. It is my understanding that an area west of Murphy Road, east of Wendy Road, north of Yarrow Road, and south of Arkose Ridge would best be suited for this purpose largely due to soil types in the area.</p> <p>I am generally in support of motorized areas but unfortunately motorized and non-motorized cannot always coexist. The damage caused by motorized vehicles frequently precludes other users from enjoying the trail system. As an equestrian, I have seen many of the undesignated trails I used to enjoy become rutted, extremely slippery, and too hazardous to ride. Designating a small portion of this use area as non-motorized would be of great benefit to non-motorized users who could then apply for grant funding to repair the trails that have been damaged.</p>	I believe it is the best public interest to create a non-motorized area within the Matanuska Moose Range. It is my understanding that an area west of Murphy Road, east of Wendy Road, north of Yarrow Road, and south of Arkose Ridge would best be suited for this purpose largely due to soil types in the area.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
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Email	K. Johnson-Sullivan	<p>I met you at the last public meeting regarding the Moose Range Management Plan. I brought some video of a Fat Truck tearing up the marsh on the western side, an area with nesting swans and salmon smolt.</p> <p>We just wanted to add that the increased general use of the western side of the Moose Range has also taken a serious toll on the Wendt Road trailhead. We are attaching photos from my walk out there just today. It appears people may be partying/sleeping out there. There are mattresses and tarps and garbage everywhere. There is also a moose carcass right in the middle of the trail on the right of the parking lot.</p> <p>We are out in the Moose Range every day except the month of September, during moose hunting season. The month of August, we only go out early in the morning before target practice begins on and around the trails. We hike, ride horses, and ski out there; it's a very special place.</p> <p>My family and I strongly recommend that the western area of the Moose Range be limited to non-motorized use. The damage from motorized use in these sensitive habitat areas is really appalling. The eastern side of the Moose Range has more gravel and fewer wetlands. My family and I also ride ATVs, so we are not anti-motorized trail users. We just feel it should be done in areas where it won't spoil the wetland habitat. The one bridge over a creek that AK Fish & Game constructed is a nice gesture but is far too little too late at this point.</p>	<p>My family and I strongly recommend that the western area of the Moose Range be limited to non-motorized use. The damage from motorized use in these sensitive habitat areas is really appalling. The eastern side of the Moose Range has more gravel and fewer wetlands. My family and I also ride ATVs, so we are not anti-motorized trail users. We just feel it should be done in areas where it won't spoil the wetland habitat. The one bridge over a creek that AK Fish & Game constructed is a nice gesture but is far too little too late at this point.</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Online Portal	M. Hejl	<p>I would like to see these areas developed and managed in a way that supports salmon and wildlife habitat and life, as well as non motorized recreation. I am a skier, biker and runner in these areas and frequently use these trails year round. I would like to see bridges to protect salmon streams, sustainable trail development and limits on gun shooting areas in areas where other trail users frequent. I would also like to see limits on trapping in these areas, at least within a reasonable setback distance of trails to protect domestic animals and children. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>I would like to see these areas developed and managed in a way that supports salmon and wildlife habitat and life, as well as non motorized recreation.</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Online Portal	C. Hickey	<p>I'm born and raised in the valley and grew up riding the Moose Range area on horseback in the 80s. I no longer ride there since it has become overused by motorized vehicles and trashed, hence the reason for this project. I am hoping your plan will include a non-motorized area for horseback riders, hikers, and bicyclist to enjoy. It creates a safer area, less environmental impact, less erosion, and quiet nature for all to enjoy. Thank you</p>	<p>I am hoping your plan will include a non-motorized area for horseback riders, hikers, and bicyclist to enjoy. It creates a safer area, less environmental impact, less erosion, and quiet nature for all to enjoy</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Online Portal	E. Spitzer	<p>I'm submitting this comment regarding the possible opening of the Moose Creek upper drainage to motorized vehicles. I have visited the Moose Creek drainage for over 20 years, sometimes as a State Trooper, and sometimes as a citizen. I have watched the area decline much like I watched the Jim Creek area and the Jonesville Mine area into a lawless free fire zone of irresponsible shooting, vehicle dumping, pallet burning, underage drinking, drugging, and littering. I have watched the erosion of the hillside caused by evermore aggressive ATV's and UTV's in the area. The muddy drainage flows right into the salmon stream of Moose Creek. The noise pollution of gunfire and modified performance exhausts destroys the tranquility of those who reside in the Moose Creek area. I have seen the remains of 40' tree's mowed down by gunfire in this area, blocking the dirt road access of some residents to their homes. Allowing more motorized access to the headwaters of this river canyon will only exacerbate the problem. This area has only been accessible by foot or horseback until some irresponsible hunters used a D-5 dozer to plow in a road to recover the Fat Tire Truck that they got stuck while allegedly poaching moose. As a responsible gun owner, hunter, and outdoorsman I encourage you to preserve one of the last bastions of true wilderness in the Mat-Su Valley area. I have seen first hand what happens when you open a wilderness area to motorized vehicles with no management or enforcement plan. Please feel free to contact me for further clarification.</p>	<p>I'm submitting this comment regarding the possible opening of the Moose Creek upper drainage to motorized vehicles. I have visited the Moose Creek drainage for over 20 years, sometimes as a State Trooper, and sometimes as a citizen. I have watched the area decline much like I watched the Jim Creek area and the Jonesville Mine area into a lawless free fire zone of irresponsible shooting, vehicle dumping, pallet burning, underage drinking, drugging, and littering. I have watched the erosion of the hillside caused by evermore aggressive ATV's and UTV's in the area. The muddy drainage flows right into the salmon stream of Moose Creek. The noise pollution of gunfire and modified performance exhausts destroys the tranquility of those who reside in the Moose Creek area. I have seen the remains of 40' tree's mowed down by gunfire in this area, blocking the dirt road access of some residents to their homes. Allowing more motorized access to the headwaters of this river canyon will only exacerbate the problem. This area has only been accessible by foot or horseback until some irresponsible hunters used a D-5 dozer to plow in a road to recover the Fat Tire Truck that they got stuck while allegedly poaching moose.</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Online Portal	A. Wise	<p>Loved to see more non-motorized trails in moose range.</p>	<p>Loved to see more non-motorized trails in moose range.</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Online Portal	L. Houston	<p>Moose range is a valuable resource for winter activity. I spend a lot of time there skiing and fat biking. I am hopeful that this area will continue to be protected land and ongoing development of the trails and parking area will be considered.</p>	<p>I spend a lot of time there skiing and fat biking. I am hopeful that this area will continue to be protected land and ongoing development of the trails and parking area will be considered.</p>	Trail Use	Non Motorized

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Survey	Rick Fleming	Four-wheel vehicles destroy the multi-use trails. I ride an ATV in the summer and snow machines in the winter, but I don't tear things up. People shooting in the Wendt Road Trail Head (happened again just now and sometimes at night in the dark) instead of taking a 5-minute walk to the shooting area. People on wheeled vehicles (SxS, ATV, trucks, etc) driving them wide open throttle down Wendt Road. Every weekend. It's too lawless. Somebody is going to get hurt due to this disregard for the law, safety, and common courtesy.	Four-wheel vehicles destroy the multi-use trails. People on wheeled vehicles (SxS, ATV, trucks, etc) driving them wide open throttle down Wendt Road. Every weekend. It's too lawless.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Ruth Hulbert	Gunfire: expected during hunting season, tolerable when practiced responsibly, very stressful generally because you can't trust people not to be yahoos. Hiked Eska Falls when the bike trail was new & loved it. Trying not to take my old car on roads worse than Archangel so haven't been back - but don't make it TOO nice or Anchorage will find it. In the book Cheda by AE Stephan, she describes her grandma Olga Ezi walking from Tyone Lake down the Matanuska to Knik Arm on a footpath worn four feet wide and three feet deep. I really wish we still had something like that. Much of it's probably under the highway now, since Glenn took that route upriver. It'd make a really cool spur of the Alaska Long Trail, and a meaningful and useful everyday recreation / local get-around route, to resurrect that connection as a bike/ski/footpath. Not a noisy dusty highway-shoulder afterthought, but a real packed-dirt trail that follows a walker's route through the woods and along rivers and ridgelines.	In the book Cheda by AE Stephan, she describes her grandma Olga Ezi walking from Tyone Lake down the Matanuska to Knik Arm on a footpath worn four feet wide and three feet deep. I really wish we still had something like that. Much of it's probably under the highway now, since Glenn took that route upriver. It'd make a really cool spur of the Alaska Long Trail, and a meaningful and useful everyday recreation / local get-around route, to resurrect that connection as a bike/ski/footpath. Not a noisy dusty highway-shoulder afterthought, but a real packed-dirt trail that follows a walker's route through the woods and along rivers and ridgelines.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Nancy M Pfeiffer	I live adjoining the Moose Range. It is sad to see the devastation caused by off-road vehicles. Trails are turned to impassable muck-mires, especially spring and fall. Random gun shooting near neighborhoods, horses, and people walking in the woods is unacceptable! I realize people want a place to do these things. Let's give them one, but let's save something for those of us who want a quiet peaceful experience. Not to mention the distraction to wildlife and nature, it's not all about us!	It is sad to see the devastation caused by off-road vehicles. Trails are turned to impassable muck-mires, especially spring and fall. Random gun shooting near neighborhoods, horses, and people walking in the woods is unacceptable!	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Jan Mulder	I spend far less time in this area due to destruction happening around Eska Falls. Twenty years ago I spent a lot of time at Slipper Lake now I never go there. The ATV activity is out of control. Allowing these machines to go anyplace they want is irresponsible. I do not want to see Granite Creek become destroyed and over used the way Eska and Kings River have. I want to see our responsibility promoted along side of our rights. The two go together. For every right there is a responsibility.	The ATV activity is out of control. Allowing these machines to go anyplace they want is irresponsible.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
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Survey	Kathleen A Kavalok	I think it is very important to keep large trucks and other motorized vehicles out of these trails and sensitive places. This area is too wet and soft to handle trucks or cars. Large vehicles tear up the trails and habitat, they scare wildlife, and they destroy the area for others to enjoy when we ride our horses, bike or walk when a vehicle is stuck axle deep in the trail or wetland. It is horrible. Snowmachines on snow are fine as they do not damage the landscape. Please keep large, motorized vehicles out of the Moose Range!	Large vehicles tear up the trails and habitat, they scare wildlife, and they destroy the area for others to enjoy when we ride our horses, bike or walk when a vehicle is stuck axle deep in the trail or wetland	Trail Use	Non Motorized

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Survey	Robin Houtte	I used to horseback ride the trails extensively during the summers from the access point of Wasilla Creek Headwaters trail off Boyd Rd from 1995 to 2015. During this twenty year period I have witnessed devastating erosion of the main trails and subsequent spiderwebbing of side trails from motorized vehicles during spring, summer and fall. This has left deep ruts which fill with rainwater and become extremely slippery and dangerous to traverse by foot or horseback. It is very sad to see this demoralizing degradation which only gets worse every year. The condition of the trails was a major factor in my moving away from this area.	During this twenty year period I have witnessed devastating erosion of the main trails and subsequent spiderwebbing of side trails from motorized vehicles during spring, summer and fall. This has left deep ruts which fill with rainwater and become extremely slippery and dangerous to traverse by foot or horseback. It is very sad to see this demoralizing degradation which only gets worse every year. The condition of the trails was a major factor in my moving away from this area.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Francine Long	It would be ideal if you could designate at least part of the Wendt Rd/Murphy road trail system as non-motorized. There are so many wetlands there and the trail has been utterly destroyed by motorized use. I can't ride my horses there—it is too rutted. In the winter, I ski there but four-wheelers and jeeps sometimes travel the very trails we ski and render them useless for skiing. The only major non-motorized area in the Valley is the Matanuska Lake/Crevasse Moraine trail system and it would be great to have another area. It is so sad to see the destruction to the environment at the Moose Range trails and lack of respect to the environment. I am encouraged that you are considering managing this area more responsibly. Thank you.	It would be ideal if you could designate at least part of the Wendt Rd/Murphy road trail system as non-motorized. There are so many wetlands there and the trail has been utterly destroyed by motorized use. I can't ride my horses there—it is too rutted. In the winter, I ski there but four-wheelers and jeeps sometimes travel the very trails we ski and render them useless for skiing. The only major non-motorized area in the Valley is the Matanuska Lake/Crevasse Moraine trail system and it would be great to have another area.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Rowdy bailey	Moose creek valley has always been known as being no motorized, either on foot or horse back. After this dozer incident, they have destroyed the land that me and my family have protected and respected our whole life's. The land has been destroyed from people cutting trees wherever they want, shooting and littering. The trails they build are eroding the land and destroyed the moose habitat and population. As a kid I use to see moose everywhere there, now I'm lucky if I see 1 moose in a couple months. The antlerless tags have wiped out the moose. The last three years we have found dead calves that were only a year old and someone had shot their mother so they don't make it through the winter. The area needs to be shut down to logging and antler less hunting, and non motorized.	The antlerless tags have wiped out the moose. The last three years we have found dead calves that were only a year old and someone had shot their mother so they don't make it through the winter. The area needs to be shut down to logging and antler less hunting, and non motorized.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Krista Maciolek	Motorized use in the area has severely degraded it. My preference would be for no motorized access, but at the very least it needs to be prohibited during the shoulder seasons when it causes the most damage. Also, motorized vehicles commonly cross Moose Creek between Wishbone Hill and Buffalo Mine Road (former site of Premier Mine, aka black sands). This is an important spot for salmon spawning and motorized crossings should be 100 % eliminated year-round.	My preference would be for no motorized access, but at the very least it needs to be prohibited during the shoulder seasons when it causes the most damage. Also, motorized vehicles commonly cross Moose Creek between Wishbone Hill and Buffalo Mine Road (former site of Premier Mine, aka black sands).	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Sheila Moseley	My husband has lived on or near this location for 50 years. We recently purchased land and are returning to live in the area. There has been a decline in the moose population over the last 10 years. There has been a large increase in off road vehicles for hunting and tree harvesting. These vehicles continue to make new trails that are destructive to the land. ATVs are having a huge impact on the moose environment, the land & both small & big streams that are spawning grounds for salmon and sanctuaries for small fry. Driving the road has become a safety issue. People are shooting beside and across the road and near our home. This Moose Range, wetlands and natural land needs to be protected from the destructive use of motorized vehicles. The firewood cutting permit areas need to be managed and people need to have better guidelines of cutting and proper care of slash.	This Moose Range, wetlands and natural land needs to be protected from the destructive use of motorized vehicles. The firewood cutting permit areas need to be managed and people need to have better guidelines of cutting and proper care of slash.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Sharon McEntee	Please don't cave to the well organized and very vocal motorized users that demand access to everywhere. The proliferation of new trails that occurs each year, with the accompanying destruction of the moose range habitat is having a negative effect on the wildlife, and quiet sports users. I don't see how the abuse of the landscape, and noise of shooting and motorized vehicles is compatible with a moose range.	Please don't cave to the well organized and very vocal motorized users that demand access to everywhere. The proliferation of new trails that occurs each year, with the accompanying destruction of the moose range habitat is having a negative effect on the wildlife, and quiet sports users.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Shane Bailey	The Moose range should be non motorized and anyone offending such regulations should be punished to the maximum! Especially harvesting illegal moose and committing want/waste and using heavy equipment to destroy the non motorized trails and moose creek used as hatchery for salmon reproduction! There should be jail time!	The Moose range should be non motorized. Especially harvesting illegal moose and committing want/waste and using heavy equipment to destroy the non motorized trails and moose creek used as hatchery for salmon reproduction!	Trail Use	Non Motorized

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Survey	Jinny Cooper	The motorized wheeled vehicles on the groomed trails during breakup and winter absolutely ruin the trails -- there are a lot of money/donations, time and effort spent on those trails and it's very frustrating to witness the disrespect and destruction. Also, they don't stay on the trails, damaging the habitat.	The motorized wheeled vehicles on the groomed trails during breakup and winter absolutely ruin the trails -- there are a lot of money/donations, time and effort spent on those trails and it's very frustrating to witness the disrespect and destruction. Also, they don't stay on the trails, damaging the habitat.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Kendra Zamzow	There are multiple places I would like to choose on the map as "favorite places". I live within the Moose Range, so I suppose I work and recreate on it almost daily. It's hard to capture that in this questionnaire. I wasn't sure if I should put the number of times I go out specifically to recreate or do stream monitoring (maybe 25 times per year) or I could have put 365 since I walk my dog daily, and that is a kind of recreation for me. There are activities I would like to do around the Jonesville area -- especially fossil hunting and hiking or walking with my dog -- but I do not because of the gunfire and mean people. I am sickened at the way the jeepers and off-road vehicles have invaded the land and terrified more will move into the Castle Mountain area. I would very much like to see them banned from Jonesville and Castle Mountain! Since that isn't "politically correct", could they at least be confined to EXISTING trails.	I am sickened at the way the jeepers and off-road vehicles have invaded the land	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Lisbeth Jackson	This area needs restrooms and better parking at Wendt Road. Shooting guns and target practice needs to stop as the number of people using the trails has greatly increased over the years. The trails need to be protected from the monster trucks at all times - they are just too big and tear up the trails too much and destroy bridges and other parts of the trails.. Other ATV's are hard on the trails when it is very wet as well - and with the rain we have had this year has made them unusable for bikers as the ruts are too deep. This is a beautiful area - thank you for helping keep it beautiful and safe.	The trails need to be protected from the monster trucks at all times - they are just too big and tear up the trails too much and destroy bridges and other parts of the trails.. Other ATV's are hard on the trails when it is very wet as well - and with the rain we have had this year has made them unusable for bikers as the ruts are too deep.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
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Survey	Billie Haan	We have lived by the Moose Range since 2003. It is a beautiful and unique place for the community to access and should be preserved with that in mind. The trails though have been seriously damaged over the years by ATV use. Some to the point of being almost unusable except in winter after a lot of snow has fallen. And garbage/ carcasses are a big problem too. Overall though, the Moose Range has huge value both as wildlife habitat and community use. Thank you	The trails though have been seriously damaged over the years by ATV use. Some to the point of being almost unusable except in winter after a lot of snow has fallen. And garbage/ carcasses are a big problem too.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Survey	Esperanza Lanphier	When we first moved here, there was a healthy moose population. Fish and game has helped decimate that population by over hunting, issuing hundreds of antler less permits. In the regs for unit 14 A, it does not specify not to kill cows with calves, or calves.. The forestry has contributed to the loss and injury of Moose habitat by issuing countless wood cutting permits and not overseeing the damage that has caused. People are using more aggressive vehicles to push into the woods in pursue of one tree. The fire danger has increased because of the piles they leave behind. Shooting from and on the road is a huge safety issue. Our three miles to the pavement can be dangerous because of the shooting. The most recent abuse to this area was a thoughtless destruction of habitat to wetlands and moose habitat when someone took a monster truck into Moose Creek Canyon and followed that with a bull dozer into the pristine moose sanctuary. Please make the upper Moose Creek watershed non motorized.	Please make the upper Moose Creek watershed non motorized.	Trail Use	Non Motorized

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Written	K. Johnson-Sullivan	ATV use in the Moose Range is completely unsustainable. They are destroying habitat, destroying preexisting trails, and wrecking wetlands for nesting birds and spawning salmon. ATVs should be ABOLISHED esp. on the west, very wet end of the Moose Range (Motorized use in winter might be okay). The only summer use should be NON-MOTORIZED. ATVs are getting bigger and more powerful & thus more destructive on sensitive environments. PLEASE keep ATVs out of the Moose Range unless it is FROZEN. Thank you. Also: Moose carcasses are regularly dumped at over near the Wendt Rd. trailhead. About 1/4 mile onto the Wendt Rd., there is an area that is used regularly as a shooting range. Shells & garbage are often left behind. Target practice is rampant throughout the range. Many winter users with dogs do NOT use the Moose Range in the winter because of the trapping. Bikers and skiers have very few backcountry options where they can also bring their dog companions. Trapping is a deterrent to non-motorized user groups.	ATV use in the Moose Range is completely unsustainable. They are destroying habitat, destroying preexisting trails, and wrecking wetlands for nesting birds and spawning salmon. ATVs should be ABOLISHED esp. on the west, very wet end of the Moose Range (Motorized use in winter might be okay). The only summer use should be NON-MOTORIZED. ATVs are getting bigger and more powerful & thus more destructive on sensitive environments. PLEASE keep ATVs out of the Moose Range unless it is FROZEN. Thank you	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Written	G. Backus	My biggest concern is that the area between Palmer Fishook and Buffalo Mine Rd should become a non motorized area in summer. The trails in this area are in a very rapid deterioration. In wet weather even small amounts of wheel traffic cause tremendous ruts. In the winter after trails are set and the land is stable and the snow machines are not a problem but 4 wheelers rut the trails. This area is so small the motorize groups would not be removed from very much area.	My biggest concern is that the area between Palmer Fishook and Buffalo Mine Rd should become a non motorized area in summer. The trails in this area are in a very rapid deterioration. In wet weather even small amounts of wheel traffic cause tremendous ruts. This area is so small the motorize groups would not be removed from very much area.	Trail Use	Non Motorized
Email	K. Hopp	1 of 2: I have lived and recreated on the Moose Range from Buffalo Mine Rd access since 2003. The degradation of the trail system has been disheartening at best, appalling at the extent and severity of damage. Original intent of this area use was never intended for the motorized vehicle use that has caused the changes to these wetland areas. Streams in 2003 that were 3 ft across and 8 in deep with salmon seen working their way upstream to spawn are now impassable to all users except the the motorized users with the largest machine that create more and more damage, limiting even other motorized users. Miles of trails have ruts with 2 ft plus steep banks that disrupt healthy drainage, create dangerous two direction travel, completely foil grooming efforts and safe passing. Motorized users have no advance warning of dog teams, bikers, walkers skiers or other motorized traffic to avoid accidents, especially at the excess speed of the oblivious driver.	The degradation of the trail system has been disheartening at best, appalling at the extent and severity of damage. Original intent of this area use was never intended for the motorized vehicle use that has caused the changes to these wetland areas. Streams in 2003 that were 3 ft across and 8 in deep with salmon seen working their way upstream to spawn are now impassable to all users except the the motorized users with the largest machine that create more and more damage, limiting even other motorized users. Miles of trails have ruts with 2 ft plus steep banks that disrupt healthy drainage, create dangerous two direction travel, completely foil grooming efforts and safe passing. Motorized users have no advance warning of dog teams, bikers, walkers skiers or other motorized traffic to avoid accidents, especially at the excess speed of the oblivious driver.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Email	P. Praetorius	1 of 3: I am writing to provide a public comment on the Matanuska Valley Moose Range and Jonesville Public Use Area. I live surrounding by the Moose Range off of Murphy Road, which is off of Buffalo Mine Road, and the bulk of my comments will concern the trail system at the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range, which is west of Murphy Road, east of Wendt Road, north of Yarrow Road, and south of Arkose Ridge. I have attached a map of this area with marked trails. I believe that the people of the Mat-Su, as well as the people of the greater Southcentral region, both in the near- and long-term, will be best served if this area and its trail system is designated as a nonmotorized recreation area. The recreational use of the trail system at the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range can be divided into two time periods: when the ground is thawed and when it is frozen and snow covered. I believe that the area should be nonmotorized year-round, but I will discuss my reasons for nonmotorized status during both of these periods: Nonmotorized when the ground is thawed According the USGS surveys of the Moose Range, much of the area of the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range has hydric soils of up to 80%, which has poor drainage. This poor drainage has led to extensive trail damage from ATVs and other, larger vehicles. Because of this trail damage, many of the trails are no longer passable by pedestrians, bicyclists, or horseback riders. Many of the trails that we used to ride our horses on when the ground was thawed have, for our use and enjoyment, been destroyed. Not allowing others to enjoy a resource because it has been destroyed by other users is unacceptable. Moreover, one of the trails, known locally as the "corridor trail," and labeled as the "main trail" and "low traverse" on the attached map, is an historic RS2477 trail, and because of the extensive damage caused by ATVs, horseback riders no longer have access to this trail.	According the USGS surveys of the Moose Range, much of the area of the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range has hydric soils of up to 80%, which has poor drainage. This poor drainage has led to extensive trail damage from ATVs and other, larger vehicles. Because of this trail damage, many of the trails are no longer passable by pedestrians, bicyclists, or horseback riders. Many of the trails that we used to ride our horses on when the ground was thawed have, for our use and enjoyment, been destroyed. Not allowing others to enjoy a resource because it has been destroyed by other users is unacceptable. Moreover, one of the trails, known locally as the "corridor trail," and labeled as the "main trail" and "low traverse" on the attached map, is an historic RS2477 trail, and because of the extensive damage caused by ATVs, horseback riders no longer have access to this trail.	Trail Use	Trail Condition

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Email	K. Hopp	3 of 3: (image) This 3 ft rut with erosion is this year's damage on the bench trail from Murphy corner. The "drive around bypass" routes created thruout other routes go up to five- from the legal limit if 7 ft to 40. Sustainable?? NO! Please listen	This 3 ft rut with erosion is this year's damage on the bench trail from Murphy corner. The "drive around bypass" routes created thruout other routes go up to five- from the legal limit if 7 ft to 40. Sustainable?? NO!	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Email	P. Praetorius	3 OF 3: Nonmotorized when the ground is frozen and snow covered Some might argue that motorized vehicles should be allowed when the ground is frozen and not subject to damage from motorized vehicles. This argument fails to recognize the rights of nonmotorized users. The Mat-Su Ski Club and numerous volunteer groomers have since around 2006 groomed an extensive network of trails (see attached map). Motor vehicles (e.g. snow machines, ATVs, large track vehicles) damage groomed trails, which prevents other users from fully appreciating and enjoying these trails. Skiers and fat tire bicyclists come from all over Southcentral Alaska to enjoy the trails in the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range. Thinking long-term, designating this area as nonmotorized will create a premier winter recreation area. Conclusion The western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range is a small portion of the 130,000 acre Matanuska Moose Range – smaller, even, than the Jonesville Public Use Area. Those wishing to enjoy the Moose Range with motorized vehicles will still have is a huge area to recreate, and the bulk of the area open to motorized recreation will be on ground that is better drained and more appropriate to motorized travel. To facilitate motorized recreation, DNR, along with the Mat-Su Borough, should consider creating a parking lot at the beginning of the Usibelli pioneer road on the Glenn Highway. This would provide easy access to much of the Moose range, including the Jonesville Public Use Area.	The Mat-Su Ski Club and numerous volunteer groomers have since around 2006 groomed an extensive network of trails (see attached map). Motor vehicles (e.g. snow machines, ATVs, large track vehicles) damage groomed trails, which prevents other users from fully appreciating and enjoying these trails. Skiers and fat tire bicyclists come from all over Southcentral Alaska to enjoy the trails in the western edge of the Matanuska Moose Range. Thinking long-term, designating this area as nonmotorized will create a premier winter recreation area	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Online Portal	M. Barker	Even though I live nearby, I have avoided using this area much in recent years due to concerns about public safety, trail damage due to motorized use and difficult access roads (i.e Eska Falls). Allowing multiple uses everywhere, especially motorized use, badly impacts the trails which are largely unsustainable. Shooting needs to be restricted. Trail heads need signage, designated parking areas and restrooms. Road side camping at Kings River /Matanuska River confluence needs to be contained by developing campsites and sanitary facilities. A comprehensive management plan, such as the Knik Public Use Area Management Plan, needs to be created and implemented through active management and dedicated funding.	trail damage due to motorized use and difficult access roads (i.e Eska Falls). Allowing multiple uses everywhere, especially motorized use, badly impacts the trails which are largely unsustainable.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Online Portal	R. Stark	The moose range is used extensively by a myriad of users. Mostly healthy outdoor recreation but also some undesirable activities occur far too often. Winter sees the most diversity of activity as the snow pack allows for lots of different snow recreating that are not destructive to the trails. The trails are community and neighborhood groomed by neighbors that pull small groomers behind snow machines. The trails are used by walkers, runners, fat tire bikers, xc skiers, dog mushers, grouse hunters, moose and even bear hunting in the fall, photographers, winter campers, snow-machiners, target shooting (purposeful safe shooting). Off of the trails you will see snow-machines, snow bikers (motorized), snow shoeing, and even back country skiers if the snow is deep enough. Summer used to draw mountain bikers, hikers, walkers, motocross, small atv riders, etc. Sadly mud bogging and bigger rigs have really done a tremendous amount of destruction to the trails and unless we get a long dry spell, the former uses have diminished. Included in ongoing damage has also been the continual periodic vehicle disturbance of the salmon spawning area in the Wasilla Creek headwaters. Also more nefarious activities now occur during summer time. We have encountered drug dealing, drunkenness, underage drinking parties, random shooting with out backstopoften in the dark late at night, shooting up of trees and signs, burning of trees and open campfires not extinguished, long term camping that has often involved drugs and alcohol and lots of trash. There is also dumping that occurs including the abandonment of vehicles and furniture. Since we have lived on Wendt Rd (31 + years) there have been two fires close to Wendt Rd that required Division of Forestry response and where a few acres burned. Both fires were caused by campfires not extinguished. Overall I am encouraged that attention is being given to revisiting and revising the management plan for this area. It is a popular area enjoyed by so many and I would like to see a strong presence of positive and healthy use continuing with some ways to mitigate the more lawless activities.	Sadly mud bogging and bigger rigs have really done a tremendous amount of destruction to the trails and unless we get a long dry spell, the former uses have diminished.	Trail Use	Trail Condition

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Survey	Robyn Hall	I don't visit the area as often as I used to due to the trail destruction. I find it too discouraging when I visit groomed ski trails and find that they have been destroyed by trucks. Or when I go mountain biking but the trail is horribly rutted and widened by ATVs. Or when I go to harvest willow shoots but end up collecting trash instead. Furthermore, I do not feel safe when I show up and the lock has been cut and the sign shot and trash in the parking lot and I can hear and see trucks on the previously groomed trails. This is a wonderful area and I would love to visit it more often if it were not vandalized.	I don't visit the area as often as I used to due to the trail destruction. I find it too discouraging when I visit groomed ski trails and find that they have been destroyed by trucks. Or when I go mountain biking but the trail is horribly rutted and widened by ATVs. Or when I go to harvest willow shoots but end up collecting trash instead.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Carlene Van Tol	I generally prefer to fatbike from Wendt road heading north and east, although I do ski from there as well. I don't mind snowmachines (helpful for grooming trails) but I don't like people who go tear up the trails, whether in winter or summer (causing ruts or kicking up mud and dust).	I don't like people who go tear up the trails, whether in winter or summer (causing ruts or kicking up mud and dust).	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Nathan Prange	I love the Moose range, grew up out here as a kid and moved here once I was able to. I go down 3-5 time a week and take a hike or take my dogs out for a run or to get some firewood for winter, I have been here for 7 years now and every year I pick up more garbage and shell casings. For the most part the community helps keep the area clean up and most of the garbage humans out of here. Last winter we had some issues after the snow/wind storm and some mega sized off road rigs came out and ruined all of our trails that we had worked so hard all winter to put in, so that was lame. At the lower creek crossing on B Mine rd that entry trail in could use a bit of rehab to keep it in shape, I do what I can but the weather is winning. I don't necessarily like that's it's green in popularity out here but I get it I mean that's why I moved out here and for the most part the people that come out to use it are pretty well self regulated. Thanks for helping keep this area beautiful.	Last winter we had some issues after the snow/wind storm and some mega sized off road rigs came out and ruined all of our trails that we had worked so hard all winter to put in. At the lower creek crossing on B Mine rd that entry trail in could use a bit of rehab to keep it in shape, I do what I can but the weather is winning.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Roy Wahl	I would like to see a significant number of activities, recreational activities for American Disability Act affected persons. This is a huge beautiful area in which persons of all abilities should have opportunities to hike and do other activities to their level of ability.	I would like to see a significant number of activities, recreational activities for American Disability Act affected persons. This is a huge beautiful area in which persons of all abilities should have opportunities to hike and do other activities to their level of ability.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Diep Tran	I would like to see designated shooting ranges. Also are camping fees a possibility? It is such a free for all there. I'm also strongly concerned with the erosion of the trails. As a resident in the Sutton area it's been sad to see how our trails have become so torn up and rutted just within the last five years let alone 10. In 2002 when we moved to Sutton area it did not come close to how it is now. Especially as the off road vehicles keep getting bigger and bigger.	Also are camping fees a possibility? I'm also strongly concerned with the erosion of the trails	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Allison Fry	I'd love it if there was a coordinated effort to work with Mat Su Ski Club for trail maintenance. Additionally, parking can be an issue at times.	I'd love it if there was a coordinated effort to work with Mat Su Ski Club for trail maintenance. Additionally, parking can be an issue at times.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Brian Winnestaffer	Larger and larger vehicles are damaging the trails beyond the use of a normal ATV. I can't even ride my horses on some trails now because of the rutting and slippery substrate. The Jonesville area is dangerous to visit with all of the rampant unorganized shooting. This needs to be contained and so does the ATV/ORV use. This needs to be maintained on existing trails. The area North of Wishbone Hill and West of Eska Creek (wetland area) needs to be non-motoized. It currently sees little traffic but that is changing with the Sherp and Phat trucks. The area West of Buffalo Mine Road is getting ravaged by ORVs in the wetland areas. This needs to be a non-motorized or highly controlled area as well. The JPUA has degraded tremendously over the past 20 years. Please do something so us locals want to go and use the place again. As of now I avoid it because of the horrible trail conditions and unsafe shooting practices.	Larger and larger vehicles are damaging the trails beyond the use of a normal ATV. I can't even ride my horses on some trails now because of the rutting and slippery substrate. The Jonesville area is dangerous to visit with all of the rampant unorganized shooting. This needs to be contained and so does the ATV/ORV use. This needs to be maintained on existing trails. The area North of Wishbone Hill and West of Eska Creek (wetland area) needs to be non-motoized. The area North of Wishbone Hill and West of Eska Creek (wetland area) needs to be non-motoized. The area West of Buffalo Mine Road is getting ravaged by ORVs in the wetland areas. This needs to be a non-motorized or highly controlled area as well. As of now I avoid it because of the horrible trail conditions and unsafe shooting practices.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Daniel Kenney	Make a safer shooting range. The problem is the haphazardness and the all hours of the day and night. Also, plans to have ATV usage so the trails don't get decimated. Need controls like we have on the highways so we don't end up with further erosion.	Also, plans to have ATV usage so the trails don't get decimated. Need controls like we have on the highways so we don't end up with further erosion.	Trail Use	Trail Condition

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Survey	Jenny Hoeger	My family gets a lot of enjoyment out of the winter trails for both biking and skiing. We appreciate all the trail grooming in recent years.	or both biking and skiing. We appreciate all the trail grooming in recent years.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Caylen Kelsey	Ruts in the roads from off-road vehicles seriously detract from my experience in the moose range. I can't take a walk in the late spring or summer without having to walk through deep puddles (sometimes knee deep during snow melt).	Ruts in the roads from off-road vehicles seriously detract from my experience in the moose range. I can't take a walk in the late spring or summer without having to walk through deep puddles (sometimes knee deep during snow melt).	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Andrew Edstrom	The trail system is amazing in the winter, but the rutted out trails in the summer make it almost unusable to anything but ATV traffic. The soil type doesn't drain so deep ruts that snow melts in turns into ponding water that cooks in the sun of the summer. Nothing against ATV's, but here, the users don't appear to take care of the trails to maintain, whereas in winter you have some wonderful individuals who help maintain trails to bike, ski and walk on. I've seen an side by side turn around, make a new little trail in the woods when they faced a downed tree. I was on foot and instead took 5 minutes to figure out a way to clear the tree and trail with my hands. Just a small sample of disregard or appreciation of what this land can be. Other new trails get made when water filled ruts become impassable on an ATV.	The trail system is amazing in the winter, but the rutted out trails in the summer make it almost unusable to anything but ATV traffic. The soil type doesn't drain so deep ruts that snow melts in turns into ponding water that cooks in the sun of the summer.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Renee Johnson	The trails accessed by E Boyd Road and Wendt Road become extremely rutty during the year. The ruts fill with water and make some sections impassible during periods of wet weather. Trail improvements to include grating down ruts and improving drainage with culverts or other methods would be helpful.	The trails accessed by E Boyd Road and Wendt Road become extremely rutty during the year. The ruts fill with water and make some sections impassible during periods of wet weather. Trail improvements to include grating down ruts and improving drainage with culverts or other methods would be helpful.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Megan Danz	This is an amazing winter playground. I appreciate all of the volunteers that keep the trails groomed and free of downfall and debris and hope they have compensation (grants) to pay for gas, equipment and time. I would like to see a focused place for shooting so it feels safe.	I appreciate all of the volunteers that keep the trails groomed and free of downfall and debris and hope they have compensation (grants) to pay for gas, equipment and time.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Elizabeth Powers	Trail damage from OHV and trucks/SUVs is extensive near Wendt and Sun Valley Dr. The deep ruts make it difficult to bike or run. Erosion should be mitigated regularly. Large trucks should be prohibited due to the damage to trails and wetlands. OHVs should be restricted during the muddy season to limit damage. My home is on Sun Valley Drive and there is extensive ATV, truck and snow machine traffic on our streets, they are loud and drive too fast. Consider designating specific motorized and non-motorized trails. Winter trail groomers spend a lot of time/energy maintaining trails for skiing and fat biking and they are quickly rutted by snow machines. Uncontrolled use of firearms is a safety concern. People shoot over trails and up target practice on the trails. Consider establishing a target shooting site. With the increase in the amount of use in the moose range, the issues are becoming worse. Consider requiring a parking pass to help pay for management.	Trail damage from OHV and trucks/SUVs is extensive near Wendt and Sun Valley Dr. The deep ruts make it difficult to bike or run. Erosion should be mitigated regularly. Large trucks should be prohibited due to the damage to trails and wetlands. OHVs should be restricted during the muddy season to limit damage. Consider requiring a parking pass to help pay for management.	Trail Use	Trail Condition
Survey	Michael Carson	Unfortunately, due to the amount of rain this summer and fall the trails were under water and ATVs created new trails!:-{ Also, people were shooting right on the trail!:-{	Unfortunately, due to the amount of rain this summer and fall the trails were under water and ATVs created new trails!:-{	Trail Use	Trail Condition

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Survey	Katie Sechrist	An additional activity in the area is firewood cutting and potential logging activities	An additional activity in the area is firewood cutting and potential logging activities	Trail Use	
Survey	Kyle Tautfest	been using the sutton trails for hunting, fishing, and berry picking, among other activities for 20 years, as an Alaska native would be disappointed to see that end.	been using the sutton trails for hunting, fishing, and berry picking, among other activities for 20 years, as an Alaska native would be disappointed to see that end.	Trail Use	
Survey	Tab Gray	I live right near the Wendt Rd trailhead and access the MR often. Over the past few years in this location the amount of activity has really picked up. What used to be a nice quiet area is no longer. The parking lot is always busy and now we have homeless tents there. My wife and I often clean up drug paraphernalia. If I make a path with my snowmachine to a secluded area a trail groomer eventually seems to follow then the skiers and bikes soon follow. It no longer is secluded then. I often camp at a picturesque spot near the swamp with family to observe the swans from a distance. The spot has been found and now is a muddy trail with a penis painted on a tree and my leanto used as firewood. I am often motorized but have enough sense to not ride when real wet to destroy the trails. Moved here 12 years ago and main reason was access to a huge open use area. Too many people anymore.	Moved here 12 years ago and main reason was access to a huge open use area. Too many people anymore.	Trail Use	
Survey	Sarah Gotschall	I missed the comment period, but I strongly support designation of non motorized areas. There are non motorized hunters, hikers and horseback riders who care deeply and desire quiet spaces and please put a halt to the terrible trail and environmental damage caused by aggressive tires of ATVs. Save/repair some spaces for non motorized trail users.	I strongly support designation of non motorized areas. There are non motorized hunters, hikers and horseback riders who care deeply and desire quiet spaces and please put a halt to the terrible trail and environmental damage caused by aggressive tires of ATVs. Save/repair some spaces for non motorized trail users.	Trail Use	
Survey	William Weiss	I'm been grooming Moose Range ski trails since 2006. It is vital that MatSu Ski Club groomers continue to have access to the ski trails throughout the Moose Range in order to maintain the trails. A great number of cross-country skiers use these trails through the skiing season.	It is vital that MatSu Ski Club groomers continue to have access to the ski trails throughout the Moose Range in order to maintain the trails.	Trail Use	
Survey	Curt Ensminger	I've been using these trails for over 25 yrs. Now once one group starts to use them they are trying to push out the groups that established these trails. Very similar to arch angel valley at hatcher pass. These are multi use trails and should remain that way.	These are multi use trails and should remain that way.	Trail Use	
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Survey	Hugh Keogh	The Mat Valley MR is a special public place for experiencing the outdoors. Considering there has been a significant increase in human population and human usage of the Moose Range since the current plan was implemented, it seems it would be wise to update the plan to accommodate for the now and the predicted. Such changes should include creation of spaces for various modes of usage within the context of maintaining optimizing experiences, and minimizing conflicts between different usage modes. I suggest certain areas have thoughtful restrictions to motorized usage for the purpose of preserving the non motorized experience in both the near and the long term. One specific area to consider minimizing or stopping the expansion of 4wheeler motorized usage would be the area north of Chickaloon between the Chickaloon and Kings river drainages. In that area there currently exists a healthy balance of trails that allow for wheeler usage, and also space for folks to avoid motor vehicles.	Such changes should include creation of spaces for various modes of usage within the context of maintaining optimizing experiences, and minimizing conflicts between different usage modes. I suggest certain areas have thoughtful restrictions to motorized usage for the purpose of preserving the non motorized experience in both the near and the long term. One specific area to consider minimizing or stopping the expansion of 4wheeler motorized usage would be the area north of Chickaloon between the Chickaloon and Kings river drainages. In that area there currently exists a healthy balance of trails that allow for wheeler usage, and also space for folks to avoid motor vehicles.	Trail Use	
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Email	R. Bonnell	2 of 2: I like for folks to have fun and use the land and harvest game. I am for Alaskans doing what Alaskans live here to do. Evidently, if limits are not established and areas of use not defined chaos will ensue. Thank you for your diligent work to preserve habitat and regulate reasonable limits of use while accommodating recreation enthusiast. It is a worthy and mindful task. It would be helpful for the habitat and to the game population to establish reasonable limits to motorized vehicles in this fragile area of Moose Creek Drainage. Let's give the moose and sheep population a chance to recover. There are several motorized areas currently designated for people that want to have fun or hunt with their ATVs. Thank you for your conscientious service.	It would be helpful for the habitat and to the game population to establish reasonable limits to motorized vehicles in this fragile area of Moose Creek Drainage. Let's give the moose and sheep population a chance to recover.	Wildlife	Habitat
Email	S. Bailey	<p>2 of 2: They were then stuck in the canyon where they had shot 3 moose - 2 of them were sub legal moose. ADF&G have charges for illegal harvesting of moose pending. So to retrieve their Fat Truck and illegal moose kills they ran a D5 dozer across Moose Creek multiple times proceeded across all of the wetlands creating a 10' road all the way to the canyon.</p> <p>The arrogance of these jerks to absolutely destroy this area. What they have done is caused erosion of the mountain sides and caused substantial damage - they stripped the land of trees that will further damage and erode with time. We are devastated and know that this area is now at risk for similar behaviors with access now made easy for ATV's, Fat Trucks, Sherpa and Dozers. We are expecting a steady flow every hunting season. It would be a tragedy to allow this. Please help us to keep this area non motorized. My family has always taken pride in the Moose Range and done our part to keep it the way it is.</p>	They were then stuck in the canyon where they had shot 3 moose - 2 of them were sub legal moose. ADF&G have charges for illegal harvesting of moose pending. So to retrieve their Fat Truck and illegal moose kills they ran a D5 dozer across Moose Creek multiple times proceeded across all of the wetlands creating a 10' road all the way to the canyon.	Wildlife	Habitat
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	3 of 14: CVTC has been actively involved in the development of the JPUA management plan through the MSB process and intends to be actively involved in the DNR's process for the MVMR and JPUA management plans. In our letter of October 20, 2021, to the MSB Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board and on November 3, 2021 to the MSB Planning Commission, we noted our interest in being involved with the area management process, particularly around protecting wetlands, ensuring cultural surveys are conducted before ground disturbance, and protecting alpine areas from motorized use degradation. The lands within the MVMR are rich in Dene' cultural resources. CVTC provides these comments on the MVMR and JPUA management plans around four primary topics of concern -- resource extraction, moose population management, off-highway vehicle (OHV) proliferation, and dangerous shooting -- and proposes recommendations.	we noted our interest in being involved with the area management process, particularly around protecting wetlands, ensuring cultural surveys are conducted before ground disturbance, and protecting alpine areas from motorized use degradation.	Wildlife	Habitat

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Email	J. Winnestaffer	<p>4 of 4: DNR should manage the Moose Range and JPUA for Moose, other wildlife and community.</p> <p>Moose habitat and sensitive habitats: sensitive habitats in the Moose Range should be protected and motorized use should be prohibited from crossing all wetlands, anadromous streams, and alpine habitats (unless it is winter and these habitats are protected by freezing and snow). The alpine habitat at the top of Wishbone Hill should be strictly non-motorized as it is very sensitive to disruption. Except for snowmachines, motorized use in all alpine and wetland areas should be only on pre-existing trails (with no motorized trail expansion allowed).</p> <p>Indigenous knowledge: The state should consult with Chickaloon Native Village about cultural sites for their protection (and research) in advance of any and all tree clearing, brushing, and ground surface disturbance. The Indigenous Tribal governments should be invited to participate in decision-making including about the land, animals and habitats.</p> <p>JPUA Management Plan: The community-written JPUA Management Plan that was approved by the Sutton Community Council, the Mat-Su Borough Planning Commission, and the Mat-Su Borough Assembly should be used as a starting point for the DNR management plan for JPUA. The community-written JPUA Management Plan was done following an open-meeting process (to which DNR was invited over and over) and it was developed by Alaskans for Alaskans. It is ridiculous for DNR to start over, when a solid starting point has been developed already.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments and concerns.</p>	<p>Moose habitat and sensitive habitats: sensitive habitats in the Moose Range should be protected and motorized use should be prohibited from crossing all wetlands, anadromous streams, and alpine habitats (unless it is winter and these habitats are protected by freezing and snow). The alpine habitat at the top of Wishbone Hill should be strictly non-motorized as it is very sensitive to disruption. Except for snowmachines, motorized use in all alpine and wetland areas should be only on pre-existing trails (with no motorized trail expansion allowed).</p>	Wildlife	Habitat
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>6 of 14: Off-highway vehicles</p> <p>Since the original release of the plan, the population of Southcentral Alaska has vastly expanded, creating additional pressures on land and resources in the area. With this has come a tremendous increase in the number of off-highway vehicles (OHVs, including ATVs, side-by-sides, jeeps, and trucks) within the MVMR. Particularly on weekends, hundreds of people arrive in Sutton with OHVs, widening existing trails and creating new, unauthorized trails, leading to the degradation of tundra, waters, wetlands, and likely to the destruction of cultural artifacts. Although the area is known to have been heavily used by Dene' people, no comprehensive archaeological surveys of this area have been conducted. Extensive OHV use has eaten away at hillsides and vegetation, potentially exposing cultural artifacts to theft and weather, and making these areas muddy, unpleasant places for non-motorized recreation. Many Tribal and local citizens no longer walk and cannot safely ride horses on trails due to torn-up ground, deep mud, or because of the presence of OHVs and associated noise.</p> <p>Areas that are particularly sensitive to recreational activities should have restrictions on use. For instance, the top of Wishbone Hill has very sensitive vegetation and should be off-limits to all motorized vehicles. This area should have a non-motorized hiking trail developed to access this world-class view, however the foot traffic should also be isolated to a designated trail (instead of completely open for exploration) due to the sensitive vegetation. All wetlands are sensitive and should be closed to motorized vehicles until freeze up. CVTC can recommend other sensitive areas.</p>	<p>All wetlands are sensitive and should be closed to motorized vehicles until freeze up. CVTC can recommend other sensitive areas.</p>	Wildlife	Habitat

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Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>9 of 14: Recommendations CVTC would like to see a well-functioning, maintained, and safe public use area for people to enjoy being outside in nature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DNR needs to show their commitment to maintaining the MVMR, particularly with a focus on fish and wildlife habitat. In the 36 years since the MVMR plan was published, many aspects have not been implemented, including active management to enhance moose populations, new trailheads, limits on wetland destruction, and more. Guidelines for Anadromous Fish Streams needs to have a new section titled Minimize Impact (page 79 from the 1986 Moose Range Management Plan). Protections to be included within a 'minimize impact' section for surface water quality of anadromous fish streams including wetlands should include protections from tree clearing, from controlled burns, from recreational misuse of streams/wetlands (driving through them), and at stream ford sites; camping and fishing rules should be clearly posted, and development limited. •The MVMR Management Plan needs many updates to reflect the current ecological and economic situation of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough: updated climate, population, economic, and natural resources data are needed for it to be a working document for managers to use for the betterment of moose populations and other natural resources. For example, riparian buffers around anadromous streams should be increased to reflect current science on healthy waterways, and coal extraction and market realities need to be updated to reflect current federal and state regulations that limit coal's viability. 	riparian buffers around anadromous streams should be increased to reflect current science on healthy waterways,	Wildlife	Habitat
Email	K. Johnson-Sullivan	<p>I met you at the last public meeting regarding the Moose Range Management Plan. I brought some video of a Fat Truck tearing up the marsh on the western side, an area with nesting swans and salmon smolt.</p> <p>We just wanted to add that the increased general use of the western side of the Moose Range has also taken a serious toll on the Wendt Road trailhead. We are attaching photos from my walk out there just today. It appears people may be partying/sleeping out there. There are mattresses and tarps and garbage everywhere. There is also a moose carcass right in the middle of the trail on the right of the parking lot.</p> <p>We are out in the Moose Range every day except the month of September, during moose hunting season. The month of August, we only go out early in the morning before target practice begins on and around the trails. We hike, ride horses, and ski out there; it's a very special place.</p> <p>My family and I strongly recommend that the western area of the Moose Range be limited to non-motorized use. The damage from motorized use in these sensitive habitat areas is really appalling. The eastern side of the Moose Range has more gravel and fewer wetlands. My family and I also ride ATVs, so we are not anti-motorized trail users. We just feel it should be done in areas where it won't spoil the wetland habitat. The one bridge over a creek that AK Fish & Game constructed is a nice gesture but is far too little too late at this point.</p>	I brought some video of a Fat Truck tearing up the marsh on the western side, an area with nesting swans and salmon smolt.	Wildlife	Habitat
Email	E. VandeVisse	<p>I totally support this process and PURPOSE: Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA). I am a concerned resident and neighbor, and have followed the progress of the Jonesville Management Plan. It has taken years, with delays and thoughtful input. This current version of the JPUA is good. It addresses urgent problems of dangerous shooting, trashing, noise, and lawlessness. We have much re-education, remediation, and repair to do to this once-beautiful area. We have great need to insure new protective rules and funding for enforcement. Our population has grown and grown, but we still have the same amount of land in which to enjoy our natural beauty and wildlife. And those are just remnants, and uncontrolled use has devastated those precious areas. Meanwhile, the pressures to develop everything into pavement and houses-- are soaring. We must have the good sense and forethought to protect and RESTORE what little we have left in the Moose Range area. I urge you to quickly, and without any major change, approve and adopt the Update for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range) Management Plan. Create a Management Plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA), which is entirely within the Moose Range. Please do this without picky delays or political pettiness. Thank you so much for including the above in all public testimony records,</p>	Our population has grown and grown, but we still have the same amount of land in which to enjoy our natural beauty and wildlife.	Wildlife	Habitat

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Email	M. Campbell	<p>I visit between Wendt road and the eastern limits of the moose range 12 or more times per year. I do so to hunt upland birds, ski, walk run and bike.</p> <p>The use of motorized vehicles has caused serious deterioration of many trails and honestly it's really hard to walk sometimes because of deep muddy puddles. Going off trail is often preferable when snow free. I don't think the tradeoff in damage to wetlands and uplands is worth it across the moose range. So much available country is motorized east of Palmer up the Matanuska and closing some regions is reasonable without sufficient snow cover is reasonable. This has broad potential benefits such as aiding salmon through reduced siltation of streams and advancing the appeal of the area to non motorized users.</p>	This has broad potential benefits such as aiding salmon through reduced siltation of streams and advancing the appeal of the area to non motorized users.	Wildlife	Habitat
Email	R. Bailey	<p>My name is Rowdy Bailey and I am 22 years old. I grew up enjoying our 120 acre piece of land at the back end of Buffalo Mine Road. My family, friends and I spend as much time as we possible can up at this property. I especially love to moose hunt from our property with our horses and mules. I know all of the trails like the back of my hand.</p> <p>This fall I caught 2 complete idiots moose hunting with a Fat Truck and absolutely destroying the tundra with that rig. As if that wasn't bad enough they got it stuck down in Moose Creek Valley and why they were so stupid as to take it down there I'll never understand. That is all I can say is "WHY???"</p> <p>They then took a Dozer from the company that they work for - Alaska Directional Drilling and plowed a road to the canyon - tearing up the land even worse. They needed the dozer to get the Fat Truck pulled back up the canyon wall. It is disgusting that they would think this is ok. Not to mention they shot 3 moose and only one was a legal bull.</p> <p>I would like to be involved in the process to keep this area from becoming a complete disaster from more motorized vehicles using this road that previously didn't exist.</p> <p>I want these men prosecuted for the illegal hunting and for them to be responsible for the restoration of the land. I have pictures and videos that I can make available at any time.</p>	I caught 2 complete idiots moose hunting with a Fat Truck and absolutely destroying the tundra with that rig. they got it stuck down in Moose Creek Valley They needed the dozer to get the Fat Truck pulled back up the canyon wall.	Wildlife	Habitat
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	<p>11 of 14: •The entire MVMR is within the traditional lands of Dene' people, who have been in this area for thousands of years. No mention is made in this plan for consultation with Federally recognized Tribes for areas with culturally significant sites, or for any consultation related to co-management with Tribes. CVTC would like to see consultations regarding land management in this area, to provide input on land management decisions that have the potential to permanently alter the landscape of the region. The final adoption of any management plan should be considered illegitimate without significant addition of Tribal comments into the plan. CVTC stands for healthy streams, healthy wildlife, and healthy people, and thereby should be consulted on changes to land management plans in this, our traditional lands.</p> <p>•We agree that the JPUA "High Use Area" should be restricted to the area around Slipper Lake, but the High Use Area boundary proposed in the Borough- stakeholder plan should be more tightly restricted to the area below the blue line in the map (from the Borough-stakeholder JPUA management plan) shown below. (see original pdf letter for map)</p>	CVTC stands for healthy streams, healthy wildlife, and healthy people, and thereby should be consulted on changes to land management plans in this, our traditional lands.	Wildlife	Habitat
Online Portal	M. Hejl	I would like to see these areas developed and managed in a way that supports salmon and wildlife habitat and life, as well as non motorized recreation. I am a skier, biker and runner in these areas and frequently use these trails year round. I would like to see bridges to protect salmon streams, sustainable trail development and limits on gun shooting areas in areas where other trail users frequent. I would also like to see limits on trapping in these areas, at least within a reasonable setback distance of trails to protect domestic animals and children. Thank you for your consideration.	I would like to see bridges to protect salmon streams,	Wildlife	Habitat

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Online Portal	E. Spitzer	I'm submitting this comment regarding the possible opening of the Moose Creek upper drainage to motorized vehicles. I have visited the Moose Creek drainage for over 20 years, sometimes as a State Trooper, and sometimes as a citizen. I have watched the area decline much like I watched the Jim Creek area and the Jonesville Mine area into a lawless free fire zone of irresponsible shooting, vehicle dumping, pallet burning, underage drinking, drugging, and littering. I have watched the erosion of the hillside caused by evermore aggressive ATV's and UTV's in the area. The muddy drainage flows right into the salmon stream of Moose Creek. The noise pollution of gunfire and modified performance exhausts destroys the tranquility of those who reside in the Moose Creek area. I have seen the remains of 40' tree's mowed down by gunfire in this area, blocking the dirt road access of some residents to their homes. Allowing more motorized access to the headwaters of this river canyon will only exacerbate the problem. This area has only been accessible by foot or horseback until some irresponsible hunters used a D-5 dozer to plow in a road to recover the Fat Tire Truck that they got stuck while allegedly poaching moose. As a responsible gun owner, hunter, and outdoorsman I encourage you to preserve one of the last bastions of true wilderness in the Mat-Su Valley area. I have seen first hand what happens when you open a wilderness area to motorized vehicles with no management or enforcement plan. Please feel free to contact me for further clarification.	I have watched the erosion of the hillside caused by evermore aggressive ATV's and UTV's in the area. The muddy drainage flows right into the salmon stream of Moose Creek. The noise pollution of gunfire and modified performance exhausts destroys the tranquility of those who reside in the Moose Creek area. I have seen the remains of 40' tree's mowed down by gunfire in this area, blocking the dirt road access of some residents to their homes. Allowing more motorized access to the headwaters of this river canyon will only exacerbate the problem. This area has only been accessible by foot or horseback until some irresponsible hunters used a D-5 dozer to plow in a road to recover the Fat Tire Truck that they got stuck while allegedly poaching moose.	Wildlife	Habitat
Online Portal	R. Stark	The moose range is used extensively by a myriad of users. Mostly healthy outdoor recreation but also some undesirable activities occur far too often. Winter sees the most diversity of activity as the snow pack allows for lots of different snow recreating that are not destructive to the trails. The trails are community and neighborhood groomed by neighbors that pull small groomers behind snow machines. The trails are used by walkers, runners, fat tire bikers, xc skiers, dog mushers, grouse hunters, moose and even bear hunting in the fall, photographers, winter campers, snow-machiners, target shooting (purposeful safe shooting). Off of the trails you will see snow-machines, snow bikers (motorized), snow shoeing, and even back country skiers if the snow is deep enough. Summer used to draw mountain bikers, hikers, walkers, motocross, small atv riders, etc. Sadly mud bogging and bigger rigs have really done a tremendous amount of destruction to the trails and unless we get a long dry spell, the former uses have diminished. Included in ongoing damage has also been the continual periodic vehicle disturbance of the salmon spawning area in the Wasilla Creek headwaters. Also more nefarious activities now occur during summer time. We have encountered drug dealing, drunkenness, underage drinking parties, random shooting with out backstopoften in the dark late at night, shooting up of trees and signs, burning of trees and open campfires not extinguished, long term camping that has often involved drugs and alcohol and lots of trash. There is also dumping that occurs including the abandonment of vehicles and furniture. Since we have lived on Wendt Rd (31 + years) there have been two fires close to Wendt Rd that required Division of Forestry response and where a few acres burned. Both fires were caused by campfires not extinguished. Overall I am encouraged that attention is being given to revisiting and revising the management plan for this area. It is a popular area enjoyed by so many and I would like to see a strong presence of positive and healthy use continuing with some ways to mitigate the more lawless activities.	Included in ongoing damage has also been the continual periodic vehicle disturbance of the salmon spawning area in the Wasilla Creek headwaters.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Kathleen A Kavalok	I think it is very important to keep large trucks and other motorized vehicles out of these trails and sensitive places. This area is too wet and soft to handle trucks or cars. Large vehicles tear up the trails and habitat, they scare wildlife, and they destroy the area for others to enjoy when we ride our horses, bike or walk when a vehicle is stuck axle deep in the trail or wetland. It is horrible. Snowmachines on snow are fine as they do not damage the landscape. Please keep large, motorized vehicles out of the Moose Range!	it is very important to keep large trucks and other motorized vehicles out of these trails and sensitive places. This area is too wet and soft to handle trucks or cars. Large vehicles tear up the trails and habitat, they scare wildlife	Wildlife	Habitat

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Survey	Doug Hill	I would be very pleased to see target shooting regulated. People target shoot without backstops. I do not appreciate ORVs trashing anadromous streams, other waterways, wetlands. I appreciate regulated crossings. I do not appreciate off trail ORVs - I feel ORVs need to be regulated. ORV operators should be paying for the damages they are doing to streams, wetlands, drive ways, bike trails, roadways, etc. ... As an aside, the 45 mph rule requires licensing of ORVs. I see most ORVs on roads with no ID. I see them on the streets of Palmer (illegal) - I talk to them and they tell me they have the right out of and in Palmer.	I do not appreciate ORVs trashing anadromous streams, other waterways, wetlands. I appreciate regulated crossings. I feel ORVs need to be regulated. ORV operators should be paying for the damages they are doing to streams, wetlands, drive ways, bike trails, roadways, etc. ...	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Chelsea Leppanen	I would like to see an ALL inclusive plan, one where ATV riders can SAFELY enjoy trails, trails where people on foot don't have to wade through mud pits made by ATVs, or be ran over along the way. I want speed limits for the roads because i've more than once had to snatch a kid up by the lake area as groups of people come flying down the road. I want to see enforcement for people dumping and trashing the area. people caught dumping should be sentenced to clean it up for x amount of hours and if non compliant be banished from returning. i want the experiance i had growing up here back not the dump and trash spot for anchorage residents to blow up and destroy our beautiful back yard. i should be able to take my nephews and experiance this part of home that was a favorite. on top of seeing our wildlife taken care of to be there for the future and not wiped out entirely.	this part of home that was a favorite. on top of seeing our wildlife taken care of to be there for the future and not wiped out entirely.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Laura Pevan	I would like to see the upper Moose Creek wetlands protected, since so many of those areas are state land where people with large fat trucks, dozers, and side-by-sides are getting up there and impacting the landscape. There is an area by Trapper Creek (Oil Well Road) where my family has a cabin, and lack of rules about OHV's has lead to every single trail being absolute destroyed by Argos and other large vehicles. You now can't go anywhere in a 4 wheeler, and walking is now so hard. In a way, that area is now only for the rich, because only those with alot of disposable income can enjoy it. I don't want that to happen in this area!!!! Also, on the weekends when I'm in this area, I can't take one of my dogs, who is so afraid of guns. There is no such thing as enjoying a walk in the upper Buffalo Creek area, or down by the Matanuska River, or Kings River, without hearing tons of people setting of guns in the woods. Where is the enforcement!?!?	I would like to see the upper Moose Creek wetlands protected, since so many of those areas are state land where people with large fat trucks, dozers, and side-by-sides are getting up there and impacting the landscape.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Francine Long	It would be ideal if you could designate at least part of the Wendt Rd/Murphy road trail system as non-motorized. There are so many wetlands there and the trail has been utterly destroyed by motorized use. I can't ride my horses there—it is too rutted. In the winter, I ski there but four-wheelers and jeeps sometimes travel the very trails we ski and render them useless for skiing. The only major non-motorized area in the Valley is the Matanuska Lake/Crevasse Moraine trail system and it would be great to have another area. It is so sad to see the destruction to the environment at the Moose Range trails and lack of respect to the environment. I am encouraged that you are considering managing this area more responsibly. Thank you.	There are so many wetlands there and the trail has been utterly destroyed by motorized use.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Rick Antonio	Large OHVs are damaging trails and salmon habitat. Conflicting uses are making it un-useable. Dedicate winter trails for snowmachines and non-motorized seperate.	Large OHVs are damaging trails and salmon habitat. Conflicting uses are making it un-useable. Dedicate winter trails for snowmachines and non-motorized seperate.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Krista Maciolek	Motorized use in the area has severely degraded it. My preference would be for no motorized access, but at the very least it needs to be prohibited during the shoulder seasons when it causes the most damage. Also, motorized vehicles commonly cross Moose Creek between Wishbone Hill and Buffalo Mine Road (former site of Premier Mine, aka black sands). This is an important spot for salmon spawning and motorized crossings should be 100 % eliminated year-round.	My preference would be for no motorized access, but at the very least it needs to be prohibited during the shoulder seasons when it causes the most damage. Also, motorized vehicles commonly cross Moose Creek between Wishbone Hill and Buffalo Mine Road (former site of Premier Mine, aka black sands). This is an important spot for salmon spawning and motorized crossings should be 100 % eliminated year-round.	Wildlife	Habitat

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Survey	Kaylene Johnson-Sullivan	<p>The degradation of trails by ATVs is severe on the west end of the Moose Range. I am there nearly every day of the year. A few days ago, someone showed me this:</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/reel/3232947233688583</p> <p>There are nesting swans in that marsh. They were there before the ATV crisscrossed the marsh. They are gone now.</p> <p>I have no problem sharing trails with other users, but the motorized rigs that are taken into that area have just caused too much damage, making it unusable for other user groups in any season but winter.</p>	There are nesting swans in that marsh. They were there before the ATV crisscrossed the marsh. They are gone now.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Amber McDonough	The Moose Range is an amazing resource for Alaska residents, however more should be done to protect it from excess litter/shooting debris, trail erosion and destruction of wetland areas. I understand there are some trail head parking improvements planned for Wendt Rd but more could be done such as pit toilets, lighting to prevent vehicle break-ins, and trash receptacles to encourage users to take care of the area.	more should be done to protect it from excess litter/shooting debris, trail erosion and destruction of wetland areas. I understand there are some trail head parking improvements planned for Wendt Rd but more could be done such as pit toilets, lighting to prevent vehicle break-ins, and trash receptacles to encourage users to take care of the area.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Shane Bailey	The Moose range should be non motorized and anyone offending such regulations should be punished to the maximum! Especially harvesting illegal moose and committing want/waste and using heavy equipment to destroy the non motorized trails and moose creek used as hatchery for salmon reproduction! There should be jail time!	Especially harvesting illegal moose and committing want/waste and using heavy equipment to destroy the non motorized trails and moose creek used as hatchery for salmon reproduction!	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Barbara Parker	The trails and habitat are worth protecting and enhancing.	The trails and habitat are worth protecting and enhancing.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Isaac Rowland	<p>The Wendt side trails are essentially un-useable for non-motorized traffic through much of the summer. This is disappointing as a local resident. I also volunteer as a trail groomer in the winter, and also spend much of the early winter trying to fix the ruts frozen in place during the fall. Although I don't wish to stop motorized traffic, some split motorized / non-motorized routes may be of value.</p> <p>I tend to view interpretive / warning signs off the road as a different form of litter, particularly since they tend to get vandalized. Limited trail signs and trailhead maps are of value.</p> <p>I also found the Moose Range lacks functional protection in other ways. A new development around Mi 7.8 on Palmer Fishhook was directly draining large quantities of stormwater runoff into the wetlands during the summer of 2022. It flooded a trailhead and silted in wetlands, but there didn't appear to be a reporting mechanism.</p>	I also found the Moose Range lacks functional protection in other ways. A new development around Mi 7.8 on Palmer Fishhook was directly draining large quantities of stormwater runoff into the wetlands during the summer of 2022. It flooded a trailhead and silted in wetlands, but there didn't appear to be a reporting mechanism.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	joshua hejl	<p>There have been previous attempts to minimize the impacts of large off-road vehicles in the sensitive areas and salmon streams. So far they have failed.</p> <p>Shooting and litter are widespread. This area is amazing, I would like it to work and be safe for most users. Unfortunately many users believe it is their right to ride everywhere and anywhere. How do we curb this? I have never seen an enforcement officer in the moose range, does one exist?</p> <p>I know this means money, I'll pay a user fee, or more property tax. It's one reason we live here.</p>	There have been previous attempts to minimize the impacts of large off-road vehicles in the sensitive areas and salmon streams. So far they have failed.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Robert Howard	Trails are worst I have ever seen them (Sept. 19, 2022). Moose Range Plan regarding ' .. motor vehicle use in wetlands in winter only' and setbacks should have been strictly enforced, especially in regards to anadromous waters! I have been actively documenting the area for many years and am appalled by lack of effective management and enforcement. My advocacy for the area triggered a KTUU news story, I have worked closely with F&G Habitat etc.	Moose Range Plan regarding ' .. motor vehicle use in wetlands in winter only' and setbacks should have been strictly enforced, especially in regards to anadromous waters	Wildlife	Habitat

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Survey	Austin Grimes	We have been accessing the Moose Range area from the back of Yarrow for over 40 years. My parents raised us taking us dog mushing, cross country skiing and hiking on the trails. My husband and I purposefully bought land near where I grew up so our children could have these same amazing experiences. My son and daughter have both learned how to drive their first snow machines on those trails and back swamps, learning how to respect the wildlife and moose that live in that area, practice cross country skiing, and shot their first grouse in the moose range. I am sadden when I think about the land changing, allowing more access for others so the wildlife and especially the moose are negatively impacted. Please keep our area behind the soapstone road area small and less access, we do not need an Anchorage Kincaid Park in the Moose Range, we already have that at Government Peak. Please keep this area part of the old Alaska, less regulations and rules. Thank you.	I am sadden when I think about the land changing, allowing more access for others so the wildlife and especially the moose are negatively impacted.	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Raena Rowland	We've been using the Moose Range in the Sun Valley Rd. area intensely for one winter. Having a house built with direct trail access was important to us. The intense ATV use in the summer rips the trails up and makes for a late start for grooming in the winter. Snowmachines ride over the freshly groomed tracks made for non-motorized use. I've had my husband groom me a loop and while I was getting ready to go, 15 mins later, a snowmachine had ruined the groom. I would like to see designated motorized and non-motorized trails. I don't like to ski and bike with snowmachines running all around. I hope there's a way to meet the needs of motorized and non-motorized users as well as meeting the needs of promoting moose habitat. I certainly would like to see less or no shooting because it's right behind my house.	I hope there's a way to meet the needs of motorized and non-motorized users as well as meeting the needs of promoting moose habitat	Wildlife	Habitat
Survey	Casey Ayers	The rustic/rural trails are excellent for hiking with my dog, family, and friends. The Wendt trailhead is very accessible without the need for expansion or further development which would add extra cost to the Matsu Borough and an unnecessary management burden. We hiked/hunted small game an average of 4 to 5 days per week all winter long. The area is clean and free of litter with multiuse trails for hunters, snowmachines, hikers, cross country skiers, and fat tire bikes. Access from the north via Buffalo Mine Rd or Jonesville Mine Rd is more convenient for ATV's and thus has more motorized traffic. I'm concerned that expanding the parking off the access points closest to Palmer-Fishook would create extra ATV traffic beyond local use when there are already good location for folks that drive a little further north. There is also risk that the additional ATV traffic will adversely affect the Wasilla Creek drainage and wetlands in the area since the swamp can get pretty flooded.	There is also risk that the additional ATV traffic will adversely affect the Wasilla Creek drainage and wetlands in the area since the swamp can get pretty flooded.	Wildlife	Habitat
Written	N. Bertels	As a member of the local Jonesville Planning Committee, I would like a chance for this committee to meet w/state agency planners. Items to address in Moose Range Plan: Moose Range Plan + Jonesville Plan should be complimentary. Current levels of cow moose permits are unsustainable. Pressure on animals in the area is very high due to proximity from population centers. Jonesville Plan must include: Plans for a shooting area (designated). Designated camping areas. Additional access points into the area. Enforcement of - . Jonesville area should be address as soon as possible. Local residents have been living with this bad situation for years and need relief from activities currently occurring in Jonesville.	Pressure on animals in the area is very high due to proximity from population centers.	Wildlife	Habitat
Written	D. Kenney	DNR should use/adopt as much of the Jonesville plan as possible to expedite the process. Draft plans could be completed before the end of the year given how much work has already been done. Dealing particularly w/the shooting and trash before more people get hurt and more of the environment is destroyed is imperative.	Dealing particularly w/the shooting and trash before more people get hurt and more of the environment is destroyed is imperative.	Wildlife	Habitat

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Survey	Esperanza Lanphier	When we first moved here, there was a healthy moose population. Fish and game has helped decimate that population by over hunting, issuing hundreds of antler less permits. In the regs for unit 14 A, it does not specify not to kill cows with calves, or calves.. The forestry has contributed to the loss and injury of Moose habitat by issuing countless wood cutting permits and not overseeing the damage that has caused. People are using more aggressive vehicles to push into the woods in pursue of one tree. The fire danger has increased because of the piles they leave behind. Shooting from and on the road is a huge safety issue. Our three miles to the pavement can be dangerous because of the shooting. The most recent abuse to this area was a thoughtless destruction of habitat to wetlands and moose habitat when someone took a monster truck into Moose Creek Canyon and followed that with a bull dozer into the pristine moose sanctuary. Please make the upper Moose Creek watershed non motorized.	Fish and game has helped decimate moose population by over hunting, issuing hundreds of antler less permits. In the regs for unit 14 A, it does not specify not to kill cows with calves, or calves. The forestry has contributed to the loss and injury of Moose habitat by issuing countless wood cutting permits and not overseeing the damage that has caused. The fire danger has increased because of the piles they leave behind.	Wildlife	Hunting
Survey	Cheryl Chapman	During hunting season, only non-motorized hunting should be permitted to preserve the habitat of fish and wildlife and also prevent destruction of the land.	During hunting season, only non-motorized hunting should be permitted to preserve the habitat of fish and wildlife and also prevent destruction of the land.	Wildlife	Hunting
Survey	Will kober	Illegal hunting and way to many moose permits for this area are increasing every year. Illegal tree harvesting as well, forestry does nothing about it, nor fish and game on the animals. Countless phone calls and trying g to make agency's aware fall on deaf ears. Now with illegal road building into moose creek from Alaska directional it will only be a matter of time that the moose creek canyon is destroyed. I have seen silvers up in moose creek just above the private property thus year. Motorized usage in the summer will only be pushed to gain access to the canyon due to recent illegal activities and decimate what's left of the moose up there. I would love to see the canyon and wetlands in the area closed to motorized use for the summers and hunting. I believe for the property owners and the love of the land and animals it needs to be remanaged.	Illegal hunting and way to many moose permits for this area are increasing every year. Illegal tree harvesting as well. Now with illegal road building into moose creek from Alaska directional it will only be a matter of time that the moose creek canyon is destroyed. I would love to see the canyon and wetlands in the area closed to motorized use for the summers and hunting.	Wildlife	Hunting
Survey	Rowdy bailey	Moose creek valley has always been known as being no motorized, either on foot or horse back. After this dozer incident, they have destroyed the land that me and my family have protected and respected our whole life's. The land has been destroyed from people cutting trees wherever they want, shooting and littering. The trails they build are eroding the land and destroyed the moose habitat and population. As a kid I use to see moose everywhere there, now I'm lucky if I see 1 moose in a couple months. The antlerless tags have wiped out the moose. The last three years we have found dead calves that were only a year old and someone had shot their mother so they don't make it through the winter. The area needs to be shut down to logging and antler less hunting, and non motorized.	The land has been destroyed from people cutting trees wherever they want, shooting and littering. The trails they build are eroding the land and destroyed the moose habitat and population. As a kid I use to see moose everywhere there, now I'm lucky if I see 1 moose in a couple months. The antlerless tags have wiped out the moose. The last three years we have found dead calves that were only a year old and someone had shot their mother so they don't make it through the winter. The area needs to be shut down to logging and antler less hunting, and non motorized.	Wildlife	Hunting
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Survey	Elaine Martin	Please allow multi use of all trails. Horse back riding, skiing, snowmachines and four wheeler access is essential. Please designate shooting area separate from trail heads for safety. Please maximize public access while protecting landowners safety. Please allow hunting for everyone. Please prohibit camping on Murphey road.	Please allow hunting for everyone.	Wildlife	Hunting

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Written	N. Bertels	As a member of the local Jonesville Planning Committee, I would like a chance for this committee to meet w/state agency planners. Items to address in Moose Range Plan: Moose Range Plan + Jonesville Plan should be complimentary. Current levels of cow moose permits are unsustainable. Pressure on animals in the area is very high due to proximity from population centers. Jonesville Plan must include: Plans for a shooting area (designated). Designated camping areas. Additional access points into the area. Enforcement of - . Jonesville area should be address as soon as possible. Local residents have been living with this bad situation for years and need relief from activities currently occurring in Jonesville.	Current levels of cow moose permits are unsustainable.	Wildlife	Hunting
Email	R. Bonnell	1 of 2: I have 161 acre at the end off Buffalo Mine Road. Recently, a hunting party used a big buggy to access Moose Creek Drainage area. They had to cross Moose Creek which is a salmon bearing stream at the end of Buffalo Mine Rode. They made a genuine effort to avoid personal property as they made their way across the swamp/wet lands, then they made their way way back towards the head waters of Moose Creek drainage. Unfortunately their buggy broke down back in the canyon after they had harvested some moose. Then, in order to rescue the big buggy, that same party or affiliates brought in a dozer dropping the blade essentially constructing a primitive road way. They scarred the country and left deep tracks on my land as well. To my knowledge they had no permits to construct a trail or road way. I would like to believe this certain party was ignorant rather than willfully unlawful or unfamiliar with the permit requirements when building a primitive road way on BLM controlled lands or fish and Game requirements to cross a salmon bearing streams with heavy equipment. I am trusting that you as stewards of the Moose Range will consider establishing reasonable guidelines for managing access to Moose Creek Drainage. Over the last 20 years, The Moose population has drastically declined in the Talkeetna Moose Range. I don't believe snow machines leave ruts, scar tundras, damage fish habitat, or cause significant erosion but motorized vehicles do severely impact the environment and take a toll on the game population.	The Moose population has drastically declined in the Talkeetna Moose Range.	Wildlife	Populations
Email	G. Harrison (Chickaloon Village Traditional Council)	4 of 14: Resource Extraction Prior to the establishment of the MVMR, there was a history of environmental destruction through coal mining, gravel extraction, and the railroads and roadways constructed to service these industries. The MVMR Management Plan, written in 1986, was established to enhance moose populations, but allows for coal mining and additional destructive activities such as gravel mining, grazing, and timber harvesting designated as "multiple use of the area". Based on the observations of local Tribal citizens and residents in the communities of Sutton and Chickaloon, the moose populations have declined dramatically in recent years. Coal and gravel mining within the MVMR would not help to enhance populations of moose and other wildlife. Neither is respectful of the land. Coal mining, in particular, has had a long history of negative impacts on local Tribal peoples and on the environment.	Based on the observations of local Tribal citizens and residents in the communities of Sutton and Chickaloon, the moose populations have declined dramatically in recent years. Coal and gravel mining within the MVMR would not help to enhance populations of moose and other wildlife. Neither is respectful of the land. Coal mining, in particular, has had a long history of negative impacts on local Tribal peoples and on the environment.	Wildlife	Populations

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Email	R. Bailey	<p>My name is Randy Bailey and I own 120 acre parcel at the end of Buffalo Mine Road. I was born and raised in Alaska. I have spent many years traveling trails all over Alaska on my horses. The property that I own was previously owned by Len Melton and prior to him the land was used by the farmers in the Mat Su Valley for grazing their livestock.</p> <p>I have made improvements to my property with fencing that allows my horses and mules to graze from spring to fall every year. My property borders the wetlands and we have a private bridge that crosses Moose Creek.</p> <p>This fall during moose hunting season we had some bad actors blazed a trail down my fence line with a Fat Truck. They crossed Moose Creek multiple times and ran across the wetlands to the upper wet lands and Moose Creek canyon. They decided to run the Fat Truck down the canyon - what a stupid decision they made. No normal person would have ever tried that. So after they got stuck in the canyon and having killed three moose (only one of the moose was legal) they are unable to get back out. So they then brought in a D5 Dozer wide track to cross Moose Creek multiple times and cross the wetlands and try to retrieve the Fat Truck from the valley with the Dozer. They made a 10' swath - tearing up everything in their path. They were so arrogant as to kill illegal moose and then doze a road back to get their rig and illegal moose out. Now we will have a steady stream of people trying to use that makeshift road with their rigs/atvs. Alaska is known for its pilots who hunt and it is visible from the air - so now we will have all kinds of people showing up to use the new road to hunt back in the moose range. We need help to keep this area non motorized. Our private bridge is vandalized regularly and our signs are shot up. The moose population is down due to the numerous cow permits given out each year. We need help with clearly marked signs that Moose Creek is a salmon bearing stream and is not to be crossed under any circumstance. We have tried to keep this area as pristine as when we bought it 27 years ago. Please Help!!</p>	The moose population is down due to the numerous cow permits given out each year.	Wildlife	Populations
Survey	Sharon Hein	Compare the moose population from the 1960s to today. Overuse will continue to drive off the few moose that remain. This especially includes target practice and unrestricted snowmachine/ATV.	Compare the moose population from the 1960s to today. Overuse will continue to drive off the few moose that remain. This especially includes target practice and unrestricted snowmachine/ATV.	Wildlife	Populations
Survey	Joe Irvine	It only takes one heavy 4 wheel drive vehicle on the trails when they are wet to ruin the trail for everyone except other 4 wheel vehicles. They cause deep ruts & mud bogs on the trails. I'm not talking about ATV 4 wheelers. I can't ride a mountain bike safely on these damaged trails & it destroys salmon & wildlife habitat.	They cause deep ruts & mud bogs on the trails. I'm not talking about ATV 4 wheelers. I can't ride a mountain bike safely on these damaged trails & it destroys salmon & wildlife habitat.	Wildlife	Populations
Survey	Sheila Moseley	My husband has lived on or near this location for 50 years. We recently purchased land and are returning to live in the area. There has been a decline in the moose population over the last 10 years. There has been a large increase in off road vehicles for hunting and tree harvesting. These vehicles continue to make new trails that are destructive to the land. ATVs are having a huge impact on the moose environment, the land & both small & big streams that are spawning grounds for salmon and sanctuaries for small fry. Driving the road has become a safety issue. People are shooting beside and across the road and near our home. This Moose Range, wetlands and natural land needs to be protected from the destructive use of motorized vehicles. The firewood cutting permit areas need to be managed and people need to have better guidelines of cutting and proper care of slash.	There has been a decline in the moose population over the last 10 years. There has been a large increase in off road vehicles for hunting and tree harvesting. These vehicles continue to make new trails that are destructive to the land. ATVs are having a huge impact on the moose environment, the land & both small & big streams that are spawning grounds for salmon and sanctuaries for small fry.	Wildlife	Populations
Online Portal	M. Hejl	I would like to see these areas developed and managed in a way that supports salmon and wildlife habitat and life, as well as non motorized recreation. I am a skier, biker and runner in these areas and frequently use these trails year round. I would like to see bridges to protect salmon streams, sustainable trail development and limits on gun shooting areas in areas where other trail users frequent. I would also like to see limits on trapping in these areas, at least within a reasonable setback distance of trails to protect domestic animals and children. Thank you for your consideration.	I would also like to see limits on trapping in these areas, at least within a reasonable setback distance of trails to protect domestic animals and children.	Wildlife	Trapping
Survey	Sydney Thielke	Based on the high density of use in the southern portion of the moose range (between buffalo mine and Wendt road) please consider closing this area to trapping, or adding some type of trap flagging requirement.	Based on the high density of use in the southern portion of the moose range (between buffalo mine and Wendt road) please consider closing this area to trapping, or adding some type of trap flagging requirement.	Wildlife	Trapping

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Survey	Ryan collins	Gunshots, illegal harvesting of moose and trash are the biggest problem issues to me and my family. We're thankful when any trapping that is done there has signage and/or is acknowledged via social media or websites.	We're thankful when any trapping that is done there has signage and/or is acknowledged via social media or websites.	Wildlife	Trapping
Survey	Hannah Kroon	It is unfortunate that trapping is allowed in Moose Range, because this makes it risky to come with our dogs. It would also be nice for there to be designated motorized trails, so that there could be well preserved non-motorized trails that wouldn't have ruts and would be much better for recreating year round. I would like to see the trail system improved and better established for non-motorized recreation since it is such a beautiful area with miles and miles of trails. We love it there but are concerned that with the growing population in the Matsu Valley that there needs to be better control of the Moose Range. Thank you for working on drafting a new management plan!	It is unfortunate that trapping is allowed in Moose Range, because this makes it risky to come with our dogs.	Wildlife	Trapping
Survey	Sarah Johanson	Really wish trapping in the Moose Range was prohibited altogether or at least in high user areas to prevent user conflict.	Really wish trapping in the Moose Range was prohibited altogether or at least in high user areas to prevent user conflict.	Wildlife	Trapping
Survey	Sarah Osborne	The most important thing for me in this area are functional trails. I don't own a SBS and am not opposed to sharing trails with them. rippy is a great example of shared use that doesn't ruin the trail for other users. But it sucks that due to fragile soils, poor planning/regulation, and a lack of stewardship by motorized user groups, there are hardly any good hiking/biking trails in the upper valley. I live on Permanent Rd and used to bike on it, now it's totally unbikeable due to huge mudpits caused by sbs. same goes for Purinton, totally unrideable now. Eska Falls -ruined. Thankfully VMBAH and the MSB built an amazing hiking trail which is my absolute fav trail in the valley. I get it, we all have to share...but we need to either build durable trails that we can all share, or we need to have separate trails. Second most important issue- NO TRAPPING near popular trails! it's dangerous to kids/pets and should be limited to less popular areas! No trapping at the Wendt Moose Range.	The most important thing for me in this area are functional trails. I don't own a SBS and am not opposed to sharing trails with them. But it sucks that due to fragile soils, poor planning/regulation, and a lack of stewardship by motorized user groups, there are hardly any good hiking/biking trails in the upper valley. I get it, we all have to share...but we need to either build durable trails that we can all share, or we need to have separate trails. Second most important issue- NO TRAPPING near popular trails! it's dangerous to kids/pets and should be limited to less popular areas! No trapping at the Wendt Moose Range.	Wildlife	Trapping
Written	K. Johnson-Sullivan	ATV use in the Moose Range is completely unsustainable. They are destroying habitat, destroying preexisting trails, and wrecking wetlands for nesting birds and spawning salmon. ATVs should be ABOLISHED esp. on the west, very wet end of the Moose Range (Motorized use in winter might be okay). The only summer use should be NON-MOTORIZED. ATVs are getting bigger and more powerful & thus more destructive on sensitive environments. PLEASE keep ATVs out of the Moose Range unless it is FROZEN. Thank you. Also: Moose carcasses are regularly dumped at over near the Wendt Rd. trailhead. About 1/4 mile onto the Wendt Rd., there is an area that is used regularly as a shooting range. Shells & garbage are often left behind. Target practice is rampant throughout the range. Many winter users with dogs do NOT use the Moose Range in the winter because of the trapping. Bikers and skiers have very few backcountry options where they can also bring their dog companions. Trapping is a deterrent to non-motorized user groups.	Many winter users with dogs do NOT use the Moose Range in the winter because of the trapping. Bikers and skiers have very few backcountry options where they can also bring their dog companions. Trapping is a deterrent to non-motorized user groups.	Wildlife	Trapping
Email	K. Yerbich	I am interested in helping with this project.	I am interested in helping with this project.		
Survey	Karen Hopp	Cannot set point above- between Murphy and Wendt bike/ski trail favorite spot	Cannot set point above- between Murphy and Wendt bike/ski trail favorite spot		
Survey	Cal Maki	Good work so far to the folks who have dedicated their time moving this project along.	Good work so far to the folks who have dedicated their time moving this project along.		
Survey	Derek Jacobs	Great area to enjoy the outdoors, when the snow is good... 🇺🇸	Great area to enjoy the outdoors, when the snow is good... 🇺🇸		
Survey	Ellen Edwards	I could not get the map to work. Probably an issue on my side of things.	I could not get the map to work. Probably an issue on my side of things.		
Survey	Roy Fritts	I have spent 36 years recreating in this area and enjoy sharing it with my kids. I've seen it change a lot over the years. The last 5 years I have seen a substantial increase in activity but most seem to be fairly respectful of the area.	I have spent 36 years recreating in this area and enjoy sharing it with my kids. I've seen it change a lot over the years. The last 5 years I have seen a substantial increase in activity but most seem to be fairly respectful of the area.		
Survey	Kristen Adams	I love the winter trails accessed from Wendt Rd trailhead!	I love the winter trails accessed from Wendt Rd trailhead!		
Survey	Raymond Gillespie	no	no		
Survey	Ailis Sarah Vann	Thank you for your work and thanks for doing this!	Thank you for your work and thanks for doing this!		
Survey	Sue Goodglick	Thank you! On the planning team (ADF&G POC) and wanted to experience what the public experiences in this survey. I have only been to the JPUA once during our site visit. Page 100	Thank you! On the planning team (ADF&G POC) and wanted to experience what the public experiences in this survey. I have only been to the JPUA once during our site visit.		

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Survey	CYNTHIA FARRENS	Thanks to the volunteers who groom the ski trails.	Thanks to the volunteers who groom the ski trails.		
Survey	Brian Porcello	Thanks, it's a wonderful winter paradise and truly an asset to our community.	Thanks, it's a wonderful winter paradise and truly an asset to our community.		
Survey	Erin Kittredge	These are wonderful trails!	These are wonderful trails!		
Survey	Daryl Farrens	This is a great resource for the valley. Thanks for developing an updated plan.	This is a great resource for the valley. Thanks for developing an updated plan.		
Survey	Kirsten Koivunen	Unsure if I got my exact location pinned correctly. Thank you for taking the time to put out and review a survey from users.	Unsure if I got my exact location pinned correctly. Thank you for taking the time to put out and review a survey from users.		
Survey	Kalyn urbano	We walk from Arkose woods neighborhood through the woods to Wendt and through the trails back there. My fiancés family home borders the moose range on Wendt road and so we regularly walk the trails and recreate back there during the winter!	We walk from Arkose woods neighborhood through the woods to Wendt and through the trails back there. My fiancés family home borders the moose range on Wendt road and so we regularly walk the trails and recreate back there during the winter!		