



To: Ak. Dept.of Fish and Game:

I am opposed to Proposition #70. I see no need for the actions proposed in this Proposition. We already have approx. 44 miles of the Denali Highway closed to motorized traffic in the Clearwater Controlled Use area and the area that crosses the Maclaren River west to the Susitna River. I have lived and trapped in this area since 2001 and hunted moose and caribou since the mid 90's. There is no "rapid expansion of ATV trails" anywhere in this area that I have seen. Closing the area to ATV's within ¼ mile of the Maclaren River in the open sections will decrease the number of hunters which boat downriver. The few that take ATV's downriver do not make new major trails, they usually only use ATV's to retrieve the moose that they walked out to shoot. Moore's trail that goes south approx.15 miles to the Maclaren River has been used for a number of years and has not endangered animals or made an eyesore viewed from the river. Also, Welche's cabin has been used for a number of years and there are no major trails used from the river and if this proposition is passed it would make it very difficult for the users of these trails to collect their game animals. We already have a "safehaven" in the above mentioned closed area and there are a number of areas south of the Denali Highway that hunters or recreationalists never get to even with ATV's. I have seen people take out the spark plug from their ATV and pull it with a dog team into the closed area north of the road to collect moose they had shot with no regard for the "eyesore" they were making by busting down the willows and alder. I believe he is the same person that proposed Proposition#70 and the only person to suggest it on the Paxson Advisory Board. I believe this is nothing more than one persons idea of keeping the area the way they want it and making it difficult for others to enjoy or make a living from. Although this same person built a house on top of the tallest hill on their property, which is very noticeable and anyone can see it from many places in the valley. As stated in the first sentence, I am opposed to Proposition#70.

Sincerely, Bert Manning

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