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Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP) and Alaska Mining and Diving Supply (AMDS) Donate New Ski Doo Snowmachine to Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center for 2012-13 winter season

Sled to be presented tomorrow Saturday, December 14 and will support Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center (CNFAIC) forecasters

Anchorage, Alaska ó This Saturday, December 14, The Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center will gather at the Turnagain Pass rest area on the Chugach National Forest at 11am to accept the donation of brand new Ski Doo snowmachine from BRP and AMDS.

The 2013 Ski Doo REV-XM 800cc snowmachine comes to the Friends group through a generous loaner program by BRP and AMDS. As a long time supporter of the avalanche center, AMDS recommended the Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center as a worthy recipient of this machine to benefit the entire backcountry community.

Forecasting avalanches requires that forecasters travel deep into backcountry terrain to make snow stability assessments. This generous contribution will assist CNFAIC forecasters in accessing remote areas to assess the snowpack through regional and elevational changes.

The Friends group, on behalf of the CNFAIC would like to extend a huge thank you to BRP and Alaska Mining and Diving for offering this opportunity.

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The Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center (F-CNFAIC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation organized to support and contribute to the educational and scientific activities provided for the public by the CNFAIC. Formed in 2003, the F-CNFAIC plays a role in supporting forecaster salaries, operating and maintaining weather instruments and webcams that are extremely valuable in assisting forecasters to interpret snow pack conditions. For more information on the Friends, the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center, and for the latest advisories, please visit www.cnfaic.org

Our mission is to support the efforts of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center to educate the public and promote backcountry safety and to promote fun events that raise awareness of the need for a public non-profit avalanche center in South Central Alaska.