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Subject: Winter Use Travel Plan For "Open Use" between Pilot Creek and Clark's Fork River Snowmobile Bridge
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Hello,

I have spent 24 years knowing and growing in the Upper Clark's Fork River Valley as I am a property owner of the B4 Ranch which borders the proposed expanded lands for snowmobile usage.

The wildlife is the main concern as the land they pass through and utilize as a critical part of their natural movement will be highly infringed upon by the use of snowmobiles and other such vehicles. It is important to note that any "restrictions" set on the usage of snowmobiles and other such vehicles could and would be stretched and broken with ease.

Even if there were authorities ensuring regulation on a DAILY basis, the impact on the land, nearby water health, foothill growth, tree and plant growth, and the many species of wildlife in this incredibly narrow area would be large and permanent. The damage could not be undone, the damage could not be unseen, the damage could not be reversed. The land would have permanent bruises from the use of snowmobiles and other vehicles going wherever they pleased.

Please remember that the 1980's installation of the Upper Clark's Fork Snowmobile Trail did not prove sufficient land and wildlife studies, was not sufficiently budgeting, and was not conversed with the local individuals prior to implementation. Thus, it was challenged in Court by locals where the Court agreed with the locals and thus set hard and fast rules that the only prohibited place for snowmobile use would be set on the Snowmobile Trail.

All in all, I believe it is highly inappropriate to amend this ruling by the Court and allow snowmobiles to go anywhere other than the given trail.

Thank you for your time,

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