

Linda Jackson, Supervisor
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Dear Supervisor Jackson:

Again, I do not support the Granite Mountain Closure of any kind. After reading everything again I can find no supporting reason to close Granite Mt in the Analysis. The only reason I can find is the Forest Service thinks it will be easier for them to patrol. There are no hard facts.

1. How many non-motorized users utilize Granite Mountain due to the snowmobile closure, besides the commercial cat ski program?
2. What are the daily, weekly, and season totals of cat ski users?
3. Why do we not have any comments from the cat ski program?
4. How many snowmobile incursions are there, and where?
5. What does the cat ski program pay the Forest Service to be the sole user of Granite Mt.?

In reviewing the comments, you can see that at least 90% do not support any closure of Granite Mt to snowmobiles.

Whoever in the Forest Service that came up with the full-time closure of Granite Mt. idea without gathering facts and presenting them in the analysis, did the Forest Service a big disservice.

Next time that you try to do something like this have facts and present them in the analysis, so it is not such a waste of time for you and the public.

Rick Sironen