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Comments: I just wrote you my feelings attached is a letter from Washington DC to reiterate my claims

We write as members of the Congressional Western Caucus to express our concerns about the regulation of over-snow vehicles in national forests.

Following the 2013 District Court ruling regarding the US Forest Service's (USFS) management of over-snow vehicle routes and usage areas, several national forests have drafted management plans to regulate these vehicles.

For example, the Tahoe National Forest's proposed over-snow vehicle management plan of over-snow vehicle management plan would reduce the usable area by over 260,000 acres, roughly 68 times larger than the reduction initially proposed in 2015. The plan also sets a new limit on over-snow vehicles of over 50" width to groomed trails, effectively prohibiting backcountry snowmobiling. The 50" rule was designed for off road side by side summer use vehicles and has no relevance to over-snow vehicles or science.

When properly operated and managed, over-snow vehicles do not make direct contact with soil, water, or vegetation, and therefore should not be subject to the same restrictions as traditional motor vehicles. For these reasons, we ask that the USFS re-evaluate these regulations to ensure they do not restrict the use of over-snow vehicles beyond scientific or safety justifications.