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Comments: Suggestions for Proposed OSV Plans:

SEE ATTACHED IMAGE #1 for points 1 and 2 below.

1. Provide better signage in existing Shady Rest Parking Lot

a. Longer parking space suggested signage:

WINTER: DESIGNATED OVERSIZED/SNOWMOBILE TRAILER PARKING ONLY

b. Standard parking space suggested signage:

WINTER: DESIGNATED STANDARD VEHICLE PARKING

2. Create additional trailer parking in Shady Rest Parking Lot

a. Remove assumingly disused water towers

b. Create additional Trailer spaces

WINTER: DESIGNATED OVERSIZED/SNOWMOBILE TRAILER PARKING ONLY

NOTE: I understand Signage would need to be mounted at specific areas and heights to accommodate for snow fall and plowing.

3. In Addition, increase signage in regards to Dogs and their excrement.

Place extra signs in front of parking spaces and even along the trails.

a. Provide improved signage:

DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

DO NOT LEAVE DOG SOILED BAGS IN PARKING LOT OR ON TRAILS.

PLEASE DISPOSE OF PROPERLY. Poop fairies do not exist.

I make suggestion 3 because I have encountered dogs off leash who do not remain beside their owner. This causes issues especially around snowmobiles and moving vehicles. The last thing anyone would want is someones dog getting hit. Also, not everyone is a dog person. There are people who are afraid of dogs and get scared if one comes running toward them. Personally, I have had to deal with literally dodging dog feces when using any groomed trail on cross country skis. Not a nice present to have to clean off the base of my skis. I have been in other places that have cute clever signs. SEE ATTACHED IMAGES #2-4 FOR SAMPLES. Also being a previous dog owner I have dealt with carrying my dog's feces along a trail till I reached a trash/disposal bin. There are clever ways to do so. Carry a tightly sealed container either in backpack or separate shoulder bag. I have seen some people with dogs who carry their own stuff..doody included.

4. Proposed OSV Trail Head in New Shady Rest Campground Parking

a. Provide signage indicating the lot is for Shared parking with Oversized Vehicles/Snowmobile Trailers.

When non-OSV users share a parking lot with OSV users they don't park to accommodate for OSV users who have trailers and sled decks. This makes it challenging to unload and load snowmobiles.

b. When plowing the parking lot it will be beneficial that the full loop be cleared.

c. I would like to suggest that the OSV trail leaving the proposed parking lot does not crossover Sawmill Cutoff Rd. Crossing roads on snowmobiles is not safe and hard to do and can be hard on the machines.

d. Keep the trail leading from Proposed Trail Head Parking Lot to current Trail Head at Shady Rest Park away from Nordic trails as best as you can.

5. DO NOT DECREASE OSV ACCESSABLE AREAS. Reducing OSV space will only cause more conflict. Generally the allocated space is to be shared by all users. So reducing the space only forces more people into a smaller area.

Thank you for your time.