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Comments: Please do not allow snowmobile use within the winter habitats of any special status or sensitive wildlife species. Wildlife are already under greater stress during the winter due to very cold temperatures and limited food availability. Wildlife should not be subjected to the added stress from noisy, disruptive, and polluting snowmobiles. In many cases, this added human source of stress may cause wildlife mortality that would not otherwise occur. In addition, the Forest Service should adopt and enforce a rule to prohibit the chasing of wildlife with snowmobiles. There was an appalling example of this in Wyoming with a wolf. The climate (see attachment) and extinction crises are already serious and rapidly getting worse. Snowmobiles burn harmful fossil fuels and disturb vulnerable wildlife. They contribute to both crises. The Forest Service should use every opportunity to strive to help solve these crises. A healthy environment should not be sacrificed for this especially egregious type of motorized recreation. Thank you very much for your consideration.