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Comments: To whom it may concern: My name is Kelly Thompson, and I reside at the end of West Spring Creek Road, approximately three-quarters of a mile beyond the county-maintained road. I have been responsible for maintaining and plowing that section of the road since 1981. During winter, there is no traffic beyond my driveway. I am writing to express my concerns about allowing snowbikes to access the 120 trail. My first concern is the additional traffic on the main road, which the county does not plow on weekends. When it snows on a Friday or Saturday night, the road can be treacherous until Monday morning. Spring Creek Road is the steepest county road in the area, and the increased traffic during winter, especially trucks with trailers, would pose a risk. Additionally, there is the issue of plowing beyond the county's current distance. I doubt that the county would be willing to take on the responsibility of plowing and maintaining the "upper" Spring Creek Road to the end. The best and only option is to plow and maintain the extended portion of the road all the way to the trailhead, where there is a turnaround area and suitable parking to accommodate the increased number of visitors. However, the county would have to address a few sections before running a county plow. Lastly, I mentioned your proposal to a friend who is an expert snowbike rider, and he said that it would be impossible to ride a bike up to the 120 trail due to the tight switchbacks. Even in summer, it's a challenge to ride a bicycle up there. Therefore, I question the practicality of this proposal. Instead, I suggest opening up Rattle Creek, Mud Creek or Porcupine. Any of these options would offer excellent winter recreation opportunities. Thank you for your attention to this matter.