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Comments: Thank you for inviting the Nevada Department of Wildlife's thoughts regarding the Over Snow Vehicle Planning Process for the Inyo National Forest. Input at this time is preliminary and limited to the White Mountains portion of the Inyo NF.

The Nevada side of the White Mountains tends to be extremely rocky unless snow accumulation has been great enough to shield vehicles from the underlying rocks. Some use may occur under these conditions. Hence any new trails or cross-country access may be limited in providing reliable and quality experience. The greatest opportunity for snow travel would seem to be on existing roads like those in canyons. Potential impacts to wildlife habitats, including riparian, would be minimized should over snow vehicle use be restricted to these existing roads.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife has not used snowmobiles for gaining access in the White Mountains; however we are curious in the level of interest by the public for recreational pursuits involving over snow vehicles.