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Comments: Please do NOT allow more motorized use of trails in public lands. There are *already* too many trails for snowmobiles and ATVs. Hundreds of quiet users do not bother anyone-but every single loud machine ruins the wilderness for miles around.

The silence of nature is a precious commodity in the modern world. Every single new machine on a quiet stretch of land is one more loss for everyone else.

The "public" does NOT desire more motorized use. The public is all of us, and most people prefer quiet uses like hunting, skiing, fishing, hiking, climbing, photographing, mountain biking, and horse riding. Machines spoil the experience for everyone else. In our area, there are already so many trails open to machines that quiet use by everyone else has become almost impossible.

Moreover, snowmobiles in particular, because they are so loud, frighten wildlife at the most vulnerable time of year, when animals have a hard time finding food under the snow. One snowmobile makes a huge racket in the silent forest and animals can panic even a distance away.

Do NOT let companies selling machines, and machine riders who just want a roller-coaster experience on trails, run the public lands for all of us.