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Comments: I just bought a lot in Sky High Ranch. Looking forward to exploring the back country in the winter, with my two young boys (2 and 6). This is a great way for them to learn and appreciate nature. I don't want to see the access restricted from our community, as I bought here knowing we could snowmobile from our cabin.

Restricting snowmobile access from Sky High Ranch would be very disappointing for me and my family. I understand and appreciate the concerns about noise, pollution and safety of skiers/snowshoers, but consider these factors:

- The safety issues are caused by a minority of snowmobile riders, typically younger males. Why penalize the greater majority due to actions of a few bad apples? Wouldn't it make more sense to target the dangerous riders, and penalize them heavily? Let's encourage good behavior, while punishing bad behavior. Let's not prohibit ALL behavior.
- If some areas are restricted, who will obey the new restrictions? Most likely, just the responsible riders. The bad apples will still want to behave badly, and ride where they are not allowed.
- Today's snowmobiles are much cleaner than in the past. And fully viable electric machines will be coming in 5-10 years... although the lack of sound will have other safety issues if others don't hear you coming over the ridge.

Ultimately, I support the exploration of solutions if there is a problem that needs addressing. The first step is defining the problem, in terms of size and severity. If a solution is needed, many options should be explored. Providing 5 different alternative maps is a good step, but also consider alternatives to restricting access, such as monitoring/policing the trails to remove the dangerous elements.