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Comments: As an avid mountain bike rider, ohv rider, as well as a snowmobile rider, I moved to this area to enjoy the access to the Backcountry.

On the ohv side, our fees for registration continue to go up, with less area's to recreate in becoming the norm.

This creates a huge safety issue, causing more and more accidents due to the congestion of users.

I understand the issues of how ohv use disturbs soils and vegetation, and I volunteer for many groups to manage the issues.

But, now we are talking about the snow.

Snowmobile use leaves no trace, it can be operated with no sign of ever being there when the snow melts. That is as long as we are given access to the snow with open gates.

There are many issues to this topic of use I.

The near natural designation, but damage from over the snow recreation should not be one of them.

Keep all near natural open to snowmobile, don't close it as has been done to the ohv, causing a safety issue for users to be condensed into a small area's.

Snowmobile use does not damage soils or vegetation, only when gates are closed below the snow does that happen. Which is easily resolved by not closing the gates before the snow arrives.

Thank you

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