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Comments: I'm writing another letter today because I've been hearing how this simple plan to make a map with the open riding areas outlined morphed in to you the forest service closing down our riding area and keeping it open to people who don't even use it. I've heard talk about conflicts between snowmobiles and the other winter recreation users. Because of my job I'm aloud off more time in the winter to partispate in snowboarding, skiing and snowmobiling. This allows me to spend more time in the back country than most. I want to tell you there is zero conflict between any snowshoer cross country skier boot packer day hiker and snowmobilers. On highway 108 I've never even seen anyone not on a snowmobile past cascade creek let alone at one of our riding areas. So closing things down due to conflict where there is zero makes no sense. You will be causing conflict by forcing all of us to ride one small area. If you can't see that you're blind. The area that's a problem is from sno-park to cascade creek. And that's it!! Maybe instead of closing things in force a speed limit on the groomed trails. That by the way snowmobilers pay to be groomed not cross country skiers! You want to know the areas we ride right now, that's everywhere that's open. I ride from harring creek to blue lakes in Tahoe. All of it that's open. And it's not enough. Let's get a list for you. Harring creek, coyote meadow, coopers peak, castle peak, 5n01, blaze ridge, everything by the rock pile, blaze ridge, eagle meadow, long valley, windy ridge, telescope peak, east flange, the mine. Bottom line here is there is zero environmental impact from osv, zero conflict between other winter users and snowmobiles and nothing needs to change but a map marking groomed trails and the wilderness boundary. It would actually be nice you you did the right thing and opened up more riding to snowmobilers. How about inbetween 108 and hwy 4. That would actually be a good idea