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Comments: Why are you ignoring historical non-motorized use, yet succumbing to the motor sports defense of historical use??? This is obvious and ridiculous. Opening up the 1991 near natural areas to motorized use simply encourages snowmobiles to ignore your plans. The 1991 near natural areas should be protected. Why would they be protected in 1991, but somehow ignored now?

Please do NOT adopt alternative 5. Adopt Alternative 3, the only alternative to comply fully with regulations by minimizing conflict between snowmobiles and skiers.

Do not permit snowmobiles in any existing Near Natural areas in violation of the Forest Plan, and do not amend the Forest Plan to reduce the size of any Near Natural areas to permit snowmobiling. Do not reward snowmobilers for ignoring the Forest Plan for thirty years.

Snowlands recommends that the following areas be set aside for non-motorized recreation, none of which are closed in the Preferred Alternative:

Mattley Ridge

Cabbage Patch to Black Spring

Osborne Hill and Lake Alpine

Big Meadow

Herring Creek Road