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Comments: I am urging you to adopt alternative 3 in order that areas used in non-motorized recreation be maintained. My experience with snowmobile users in National Forest lands is that they do not abide by limits on areas of their use. For this reason, the attitude of the Forest Service should be to designate areas where snowmobile use is allowed, with the assumption that they are not allowed in ALL other areas. The idea that the Forest Plan be amended to reduce the size of Near Natural areas in order to permit snowmobiling is a bad one. Snowmobiles should not be permitted in any existing Near Natural areas.

In addition, the areas that should be closed to snowmobile use are:

Mattley Ridge, Cabbage Patch to Black Spring. Osborne Hill and Lake Alpine,  
Big Meadow, Herring Creek Road