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Comments: Dear Project Official,

I'm writing to express my concerns over closing more territory to snowmobiling. My self and my family have been snowmobiling and skiing on the Hwy 4, 108 and 88 corridors for the last 45 years. We love the mountains so much that we purchased a cabin is Sky High Ranch on Hwy 4 near Tamarack. Sky High Ranch is a snowmobile community as most of the roads are not plowed in the winter. We currently have snowmobile access to the area adjacent to our subdivision and would like this access to continue in the future for obvious reasons. This area allows us access to Bear Valley and the groomed roads that allow us to explore the high county along hwy 4. Due to continuing efforts modern snowmobiles get great gas mileage and are quieter than ever before. They also exert less pounds per square inch than any other form of off road transportation. The national Forest belongs to all of us and responsible use by all parties should be encouraged. I personally have never seen any cross county skiers in our area and find it quite selfish that one groups long term goal is to close the entire Sierras to all forms of motorized recreation. Even mountain bikes and horses are on the target list. Bear Valley is home one of the largest network of groomed cross county trails in the country. This is a great resource for all cross country skiers. I will even be giving cross county skiing a try this year. I wrote my first letter opposing the closure of more lands when I was 16 years old. During the last 45 years snowmobiles have not destroyed the Sierra's. They have allowed thousands of people to see the splendor of our beautiful mountains in the winter. Please do not close and more areas to snowmobiling.

Thank you for your time.

Robert Leam and family.