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Comments: WE have had owned our vacation home in Bear Valley since October, 1998. Snowmobiling is a prime source of recreation in this area and is was primary cause for our original decision to by a home in Bear Valley. The highly unique approach to snowmobiling creates a wonderful atmosphere that always provides enjoyment to residents and visitors alike.

Simply stated: riding groomed roads is fundamentally different than riding the off road sections such as Highland Lake Area.

I strongly recommend the Forest Service reconsider this proposal and not proceed further with any limitation on snowmobiles in this area. I could accept the proposal to implement a twp foot minimum snow depth. This makes sense as it helps to preserve the natural environment.

As everyone knows, Bear Valley is under considerable economic stress and has been for a number of years. Restrictions such as that proposed here will only serve to exacerbate an already difficult condition.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter. I am available to meet with you at your leisure.

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