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Comments: I support Snowmobiling most importantly because in a nation we consider freedom the most important quality of our foundation I find it a slippery slope when rules/regulations are imposed to serve the agenda of a certain group when no damage is caused by Snowmobiling.

I am a veteran and I have guided many disabled veterans throughout the Sierra on snowmobiles to have the experience of traveling through one of the most beautiful areas in the Western United States. Snowmobiles have met and exceeded federal emissions and decibel requirements and the technology is getting better seemingly almost every year.

Closing down areas to Snowmobiling only serves the wants and agendas of eco groups who hate anything that burns gas and isn't human powered. Well my disabled Vets don't have the use of some of their arms or legs and I believe they and others with other physical ailments like old age shouldn't be held back from exploring the winter wilderness because of eco minded people.

In that note it has been proven multiple times that the majority of eco protesters fighting things like dirt bikes or snowmobiles aren't even living in the area they are protesting on behalf of, the majority are hippies living in other states who will most likely never even step foot on these lands and are only joining the fight because it's against any type of motorized recreation.

I've lived in Tahoe for 14 years, the majority of the Tahoe basin is closed to Snowmobiling so snowmobilers must leave the basin to Truckee, blue lakes and other areas and now the discussion of closing these areas off because a few people claim snowmobiles are too loud or they hurt the environment and want to cross country ski in total silence like they own the surrounding 10,000 areas. But they don't and there are 330million Americans and closing off land because a few people claim another sport impacts their silence is absolutely silly.

In 14 years in Tahoe Snowmobiling on average of Snowmobiling 60-70 days a season I have never had a snowshoer/cross-country skier/ hiker get my attention to complain about my emissions or exhaust noise level.

If anything it's to say hello, ask me what the conditions ahead of them are like, I've even given some peoples ride or pulled them on their skis because a storm system was coming in faster than they anticipated.

Snowmobilers cover much more land faster and keep an eye out on the conditions, you should almost think of snowmobilers as stewards of the land in winter time keeping a watchful living eye on the backcountry we love so much.

I'm a simple American, if skiers complain about the sound they can just as easy wear hearing protection or go to another place. Snowmobilers can only go to so many places because of allowed access points where snowshoers and cross country skiers can access anything from anywhere.

Every time I go to a trailhead the ratio is always about 20/1 snowmobilers to human powered recreation and that's best case scenario for human powered. Sometimes I go days without seeing even 1 human powered group/car at the parking lot/trailhead.

You know how many times I've been on the trail and come upon a screaming cross country skier needing help/lost/has a hurt partner/no water or food/weather changed and is starting to snow hard?

It happens all the time, and I happily help them because I'm a human being not a cry baby trying to cut off access to others for the cheap fact that I don't agree with their method of transportation.

The land is for all to use for recreation, once we start nit-picking about who and where what people can and can't do it will be a sorry state of affairs and really a shame because it will prove that the agenda of the few is more powerful than the whole.