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Comments: I don't believe there should be restrictions on areas for motorized use. I have been in Alaska for almost 2 years and I have been snowmobile riding in the backcountry as well on trails for those 2 years. There are plenty other natural environmental issues, like the beetles that are killing trees around Alaska but nothing is being done to them. So us riding snowmobiles in the deep backcountry areas everything is either dead already because of the winter or it's all frozen over due to the temperatures. It's allowing people to see areas and experience what Alaska has to offer with the ability to see glacier's up close, or going up on a mountain and looking out over a the vast valley's it's truly breath-taking. So snowmobile riding is more environmentally safe then plenty of other things out there. Plus many snowmobile riders have assisted in search and rescues as well as pulling the skiers or snow bike people from dangerous terrain. If you read facebook threads like the ak snow shredder we definitely police our own and call people out if they trash an area for the simple reason we don't want to lose our abilities to ride in those areas due to people trashing them. So if anything use snowmobile riders help keep the environment cleaner in those respects. In closing I hope you take my comments into consideration and I hope the right decision is made.