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Comments: I support the expansion of motorized use of all public lands including Forest Service lands.

I fear that any additional restrictions to off road vehicle use will open the door to more restrictions. Therefore I am against any additional restrictions.

To be fair, if any off road vehicle/snowmobile access is restricted, an equal amount of land, with comparable accessibility should be restricted to other user groups.

Where I live in the Tongass National Forest, snowmobiles are not allowed near several Forest Service cabins. And the only cabin that we do have motorized (snowmobile only, no other off road vehicles are allowed on any public land here) access to has recently been restricted to two days of rental per year. This is the result of a vocal minority who wants all motorized vehicles banned from public lands.

Snowmobiles are about the most benign off road vehicles there are. Any tracks made are gone when the snowpack melts in the summer, and I feel that there should be no restrictions on them so long as the snow is sufficient to support their use.

I feel that the restriction of any user group on any public land is wrong and there should be a legitimate reason if any user group is restricted. Something more than "I don't like snowmobiles, they offend my sensibilities, therefore they should be banned."

Thank you for your consideration and understanding,

Dan Worsham