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Comments: I'm a resident of Eagle River and an avid snowmachine rider.

Snowmachiners access parts of the state that could otherwise only be accessed by helicopter or extreme backpackers. We take great pride in the terrain we can explore exclusively, and we treat it as such.

In the areas that we share with warm-weather explorers (most of us fall in that category as well), I feel that we are already over-regulated and that forest management doesn't have their finger on the pulse when it comes to regulating the opening and closing of certain trails.

I ask that, moving forward, we look to prioritize creating a better understanding of land and trail management such that there are fewer negative impacts to the recreational areas. Certain actions can be taken such as the state buying more trail groomers, grooming trails that aren't normally groomed, and staffing folks to manage these trails and regulate access based on snowfall, rather than restricting access all together.