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Comments: The review and interest in improving the Granite Mtn. Area is positive for the communities around the region. The desire to make a permanent closure to motorized use particularly the oversnow use is not in the best interest of recreational users. The specific area has been well handled by local community advisory groups leading the discussion and recommendation for annual closures when users have identified appropriate use areas on the ground. The group with multi user groups participating have been able to be more responsive to public needs while respecting multi users and protecting all user groups recreational experience. At this time I support local input directing the annual useage of the Granite mtn. Area with input to the Forest Supervisor directing allowance for safe multi use operations. The need to follow USFS process and perform a NEPA study allows for substantiating information to be gathered and fulfill the law, the spot decision allowance allows for best practice decisions to be made at the closest use level which provides for better user experiences. While performing a NEPA study it would best serve the purpose of this project to include all areas of the scope of this project, not just forestry practice and road closure and exclusive land closures but also sites where parking improvements are needed to enhance safe public entrance to the forest. I look forward to an inclusive process going forward and a positive outcome for the communities in the region.