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Comments: I am an avid Backcountry snowmobiler. OSV access is being lost at an unprecedented rate, due to misunderstanding about the impact of the machines. Consider the physical impact to the terrain is less than foot traffic, and in some cases lighter than skis. Snowmobiling typically requires more than three feet of average snow depth before the machines can be deployed, thereby protecting young undergrowth.

Wildlife encounters are rare and are usually limited to moose, hare, ermin, and evidence of other rodents. I've never come upon wolves, goats, lions, or any evidence of such during OSV operations. I believe the impact to the environment as a whole is negligible and should be allowed for the enjoyment of the public.