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Comments: In the winter I cross country ski at the Skyway, County Line, and Ward trails for 35+ days a year. Often I will ski every trail in the Skyway and County Line system in a day. These trails provide the perfect combination of snow and terrain for world-class cross-country skiing. It is some of the best skiing in the state.

I would very much like these trails to remain non-motorized during ski season. It is critical that we provide a safe place for people to recreate under human propulsion away from the intense noise pollution and speed of motorized vehicles. County Line sees a lot of children, pets, and their parents that would not get the same exercise in the winter without this amazing resource. On weekends it is typical for the parking lots to be mostly full with skiers. It is important to have an area that is not only safe but free of the significant noise pollution of motorized vehicles.

In the instances when motorized use has encroached on these trails, against the current rules, the trails crossed have been left mostly unusable for skiing until the next grooming. The Nordic Council grooms these trails at great expense and it can be extended periods between grooming. Motorized vehicles can and do travel at very high rates of speed in this area and can be dangerous as skiers can't safely leave a trail to avoid collisions. It is not unusual for snowmobiles to blow through the Kannah Creek crossing at unsafe speeds.

Please keep Skyway, County Line, and Ward non-motorized in the winter. Thank you.