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Comments: Im a 67 year old long time resident and business owner in the High Sierra. My wife and I are a multi-recreational family. From horses to chickens, alpine climbing and backpacking, ice skating the wild lakes, and skiing the wonderful Mammoth Mtn, we have experienced about all this region has to offer in the way of outdoor recreation.

I'm disappointed though that once again outside groups are trying to limit our over the snow access.

Snowmobiling is a wonderful sport that brings all ages, physical capabilities, and genders together to share the great outdoors. Snowmobiling is about a minimum impact that you can have for outdoor recreation. Why?

because we ride on snow, our equipment doesn't touch Mother Earth. We ride on the elements (cushion) god gives us in the form of snow.

Our equipment today is Cal-Certified to meet emissions requirements, motors and exhaust have been quieted to such a degree that you can hold a conversation without turning the motors off.

We practice and encourage all our fellow snowmobiler's to ride softly and LNT. We do not have to hold cleanup days because if we pack it in we pack it out. We require very little agency support, there are no trails to maintain, we self-rescue our riders and equipment and pay our way in the form of DMV fees, green stickers, sno-park permits and fuel taxes.

Finally, snowmobiler's ride with great respect, there are always the bad apples, but in general this group doesn't hang or ride in areas where the public gathers. In 5 minutes we are away from the trailheads and further away than most the public will wander, whether they are snow shoeing, skiing or snow sledding. We slow or move off the trail for humans and dogs when we encounter them.

Bottom-line it is a wonderful outdoors activity that brings people together and does not harm the environment.

The forest is large enough to accommodate and allow access to all users. I can assure you that we will not be cancelled by a local fringe minority or outside the area so-called environmental group.

Respectfully Submitted.