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Comments: Dear IPNF,

I have been snowmobiling for 13 years in the panhandle, mostly Trestle Creek and Upper Pack Area. My group and I ride mostly off trail and follow all rules that are in place. We never go into an area that is closed. We all love spring riding in April. This is usually the best month to ride up here. I can say we have come across many moose kills and or injured from wolves chasing them and eating out their hind end. This is a problem if you ask me but, I know for a fact all snowmobilers love to see the wildlife and would do what it takes to protect it. I have seen bear tracks in the spring but not until the end of April to early May. I do ride almost every weekend and love to sit still on top of the mountains and just look around. I have never seen an injured bear or one that is over exerted from snowmobiles.

I would like to see the out of state or county people have to sign up through a lottery system in order to be given access to the terrain up here. Heck, most of the out of state people we run into don't even buy trail stickers.

I really hope you reconsider the April riding closures. We as snowmobilers have an amazing sport that we are all very passionate about and want to see our kids enjoy for many more years to come.

Sincerely

Derek