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Comments: I strongly support the expansion of over-the-snow motorized recreation and strongly oppose the removal, revocation or limitation of any historic access for snowmobiles and other over-the-snow motorized recreation.

Previously, access was (unreasonably) revoked for the Surveyor and HooDoo areas. Snowmobiling is one of the least impactful recreation methods as any evidence of snowmobile use simply melts away with the end of winter, as long as conditional requirements are maintained (minimum snow depth).

Additionally, the USFS should be providing recreation opportunities, not removing them. Especially beacause snowmobiling generates over \$26 billion dollars in annual spending across the United States, much of which occurs in rural areas that are hungry for economic injection.

Numerous studies have concluded that there are no detrimental impacts to soil or vegetation from snowmobiling.

Snowmobile engines are dramatically cleaner than they are portrayed and have improved immensely over the last few decades.

Sound levels have been reduced by 94% as compared to early models.

Numerous studies have concluded that snowmobile activity has no significant effect on wildlife populations.