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Comments: Given the proliferation of snow bikes and snowmobiles that can access pretty much any terrain these days, I do think it is prudent to restrict their access in popular areas for non-motorized traffic. That said, many of us who backcountry ski use a sled or other snow vehicle to get up near the skiable terrain, so we aren't against their use! We pretty much stick to roads to get to our starting location.

In avalanche terrain, folks on skis or snowshoes are vulnerable to the fast moving and unpredictable snow machines. They typically can't see us until they are right on us. Even if we hear them coming towards us, there is no way a person on skis can move fast enough to avoid the fast-moving sleds/bikes, especially if we're climbing up the slope.

Sledders and bikers have thousands of acres of terrain to play in, so restricting them to roads only, or from a few areas shouldn't stop them from fully enjoying our forests during the winter.