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Comments: Let's talk about a few benefits of snowmobiling:
Mental Health - for many individuals the winter months leave people feeling hopeless, less productive, bored, depressed, etc. One huge benefit of snowmobilers is being outside in the sunlight….yes, I said sunlight. Many times riding in the backcountry (my definition: a remote destination that is often difficult or unable to reach by many) you actually ride above the ceiling during the winter months. You actually get above the cloud coverage and ta-da the sun's rays and good ol' Vitamin D. Not to mention this is a family sport for us and we often meet up with many community members. It has become a social gathering for us outdoor enthusiasts. Snowmobiling is an incentive to get outside and invigorate both the body and the spirit. Of course, misery loves company and you anti-snowmobilers are maybe the depressed ones wanting to stop our fun.
Physical Health - For anyone who says that riding is not a sport or physical activity well they are probably not a snowmobiler. It takes a lot of energy just to pack up, gear up, load up, and obviously a lot more energy and stamina to ride the backcountry terrain for an entire day. Not to mention if you get stuck in deep powder….grab your shovel and dig, sweat, dig, sweat, repeat. As for the people complaining about the NOISE that the machine makes…….I don't know any snowmobiler that rides for hours in the same spot, let alone a single hour. I suppose riding in a figure eight over and over again might require little energy. But, restrict federal land and I would assume many more of your neighbors will be riding next to your property and maybe even doing some figure eights. Just a thought.
Respect for the Environment - Snowmobile riders will tell you that they are adventurous but also nature lovers. Riding through the powder gives you a unique opportunity to enjoy and experience nature's winter wonderland. Respect for the land and the wildlife has been an integral part of my many years of riding. We Leave No Trace Behind. We Do Not Disturb. We are just enjoying the federal public land. The American people own the land but the government gets to manage it. It has been proven that they love to manage (take/restrict/limit) but it hasn't been proven that snowmobilers negatively impact and disturb the land. Go figure.