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Comments: Attention: Over-Snow Motorized Travel Plan

I am writing to express my strong opposition to making any changes to the current Ten Lakes over the snow travel plan. Any closure of national forest service land is taking away recreation from a single group and giving it to another. While I understand the need to balance preservation and conservation, I firmly believe that any type of closure is an overreach that negatively impacts recreational opportunities and the local economy.

Firstly, the closure of access to over the snow vehicles severely limits recreational options for outdoor enthusiasts. Snowmobiling and other winter activities provide a unique way for individuals and families to experience the beauty of our national forests during the winter months. By shutting down these areas, we are depriving people of the chance to engage with nature and experience the joy that these activities bring.

Secondly, the local economy relies on the revenue generated by winter tourism. The closure of national forest service land has a direct negative impact on businesses that cater to snowmobilers and other over the snow vehicle enthusiasts. Hotels, restaurants, and other local businesses suffer when visitors are unable to access the designated areas. This can lead to job losses, decreased tax revenue, and a decline in the overall economic health of the region.

Moreover, it is important to note that many snowmobile enthusiasts are responsible users who follow and respect the environment. Any closures punish law-abiding citizens while failing to address the real issues related to overuse or misuse by a minority of users. Instead of limiting areas you should be opening more areas up, so that the users are able to spread out and are not forced into overusing 1 single area.

Considering these factors, I urge you to reconsider the proposed changes to the Ten Lakes over the snow Travel Plan and leave it as it has been for many years with ZERO issues. I believe that the National Forest Service should be trying to find a balanced solution that allows for responsible use of these vehicles for all seasons and all types of recreation while protecting sensitive ecosystems and wildlife habitats.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take my concerns into careful consideration and work towards a solution that accommodates the interests of all parties involved.

Sincerely,
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