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Comments: There is no logical reason why snowmobiles should not be allowed on open roads. The map is showing roads open on the MVUM to wheeled vehicles but does not say they are open to over the snow vehicles. All open yearlong roads should be open to all users/recreationist including over the snow vehicles. Road rules apply to all vehicles or recreationist using them so why exclude snowmobiles? Snowmobiles cannot ride on dirt for any length without causing damage to their machinery so an encounter with a wheeled vehicle is limited. Horses are allowed on open roads even though horses and wheeled vehicles do not mix well.

Allow over snow vehicle use on all open yearlong NF roads, including open roads that go through Big Game Winer Ranges Trapping proves very difficult as is now you want to take away their use of roads.? Trapping will become non-existent if these trappers are not allowed the use of their snowmobiles on roads especially in big game areas.

Add over the snow use allowed to all open yearlong NF roads. Another reason that we should be allowed to use over the snow vehicle is private land access. There are many open yearlong roads that private landowners use to access their property. Most private land located many miles through NF lands don't plow the NFS roads to get to their lands but take over the snow vehicles to them instead due to the cost of plowing and not being their primary residence. These landowners do NOT need permits to use yearlong open roads to access their lands. TOO MANY Locations to list and with Southern Pines or Green Diamond selling more land to private people this list will continue to grow.