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Comments: Good planning for Motorized use oversnow requires anticipating rather than reacting. Planning of the present situation ignores both the creep of motorized technology and the growth in the numbers of machines in the woods. We can anticipate there will be new machines that can go easier or faster for further than current machines. We can anticipate there will be greater numbers of motorized users.

We can anticipate that these changes will have the potential to have additional adverse effects on wildlife, including mountain goats and wolverines. We can anticipate that these changes will have more impact to non-motorized users.

We can anticipate that there will be less snow either in depth or shorter season with deep depths of snow that may have or currently provide denning habitat for wolverines, and predation conflicts with lynx. Smaller areas with long seasons of deep snow. More capable machines and more people. The potential for even greater conflict is foreseeable.

Plan for wildlife first.....people where there is no conflict. Allow NO snowmobile use in historic or present mountain goat habitat. Restrict non motorized travel in these areas as well.