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Comments: Public Lands should be open to the public to partake in legal hobbies and activities. I Have thought for some time now that the silver lining of the Covid 19 pandemic is that due to the closure of indoor dining and indoor activities, the pandemic got people "back outside" and off their phones. Snowmobiling is an amazing activity. It's very physical, it requires mental awareness, and a great group/teamwork activity. Winter, especially in mono county can be a very cold, snowy, windy, and brutal season. Even the most dedicated runners, hikers, cyclists, and outdoors people in the summer can be feel as though they are trapped inside due to the harsh winter conditions. Snowmobiling is an activity that can help people get outside and make enjoying the winter-wonderland a little bit easier. Making longer approaches to deeper back country skiing that much more accessible.

Responsibility is a very important trait when it comes to winter back country activities in general. Making an irresponsible decision in the winter back country can lead to life or death situations such as getting stranded, lost, or caught in an avalanche. I would say that those individuals that partake in the aforementioned winter hobbies have a heightened level responsibility simply due to their interest and understanding of these consequences. With the opening of new and current areas of backcountry and specifically snowmobile access comes obvious rules and regulations such as specific boundaries and seasonal opening and closure dates. Due to the high levels of responsibility that most winter activity enthusiast seem to have, I think that these rules and regulations are followed strictly.

I hope our current snowmobile recreation areas remain open, new areas become available, and a wonderful winter outdoor activity is able to be exposed to more responsible individuals of the public.