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Comments: I am a backcountry skier and average more or less 25 back country ski days in the Mammoth area, as well as north and south of Mammoth per winter. I have been back country skiing since 1984. I do not oppose snow machines, however there are certain areas that are heavily frequented by snow shoe, cross country, back country users. Snow machines are often times catastrophic to other user groups winter recreation. Noise pollution, exhaust, and the speed of machines are scary. Snow machines are powerful and heavy. Skiers have been using many of these proposed areas for decades. I lived in the Sun Valley Area, Sawtooth National Recreation area 1991-2006. North of Sun Valley skiers and snow machines were in conflict. The effective solution gave snow machines boundaries within certain areas and prohibited machines from popular cross country/ backcountry/snow shoe areas. This worked well. If you survey the number of non motorized vs motorized winter users locally, the numbers will be large on both sides. keep snow machines to their current zones. keep the noise, speed, and pollution away from traditional popular non motorized winter areas.