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Comments: I am thrilled to see the NFS looking to expand the areas of use for OSV's. I believe that expanding the areas where use is allowed will enhance the public enjoyment of the areas. After reading about the project I 100% support the use of a minimal snow coverage number to allow OSV's in certain areas. I think that it is smart to protect the soil and low laying brush, and it is also something that most riders do already. Riding in not enough snow is dangerous for the machine and the rider.

One thing that I would like to say is that I would be like to see areas open up where hill climbing and mountain sledding is allowed. Many new machines are being designed with deep snow and hill climbs in mind. There are a few areas where this type of riding can be found but I worry that as popularity of the sport grows that these areas will get congested and dangerous for OSV users, as well as skiers and snowboarders using the areas. I believe that the north(ish) face of the slopes between convict lake, and the laurel lakes OHV rd is a perfect place for this. Is is very accessible, therefore easy to patrol, and isn't frequented much by skiers and split boarders. It also makes sense because it connects two areas that currently allow OSV traffic.

Again I am thrilled to see this pet being talked about and hope to hear more about it in the future. I believe that this conversation will promote safe, responsible, and respectful riding by OSV users and will bring the community of users together to work with the NFS and local supporters of NFS projects. Thank you!