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Comments: Dear Supervisor Yen:

Thank you for supporting access to the OSV users in the Inyo national forest. We cherish our public lands, forests, and wildlife. The OVS users care very much about the wellbeing of our environment and do a lot to keep the area preserved.

Many of us (OSV users) enjoy all forms of recreation, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing. To contrary beliefs from outside groups, there are very few conflicts between OSV users and non OSV user's vs other user groups in comparison. If there are conflicts, it's from a few bad apples at the overcrowded staging areas. I would like to point out that snowmobiles create usable trails in powder for non-OSV users, when the groomers are not able to run. Some cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and dog walkers even prefer using snowmobile tracks as access to get away from the crowds.

From what I can tell snowmobiles are already limited to designated areas of about 10% in the Inyo national forest. We are excited to see the area expand for OSV's users. The Mammoth Lakes Basin is a popular area for all people and visitors to enjoy year around. The OSV users especially enjoy this area during the limited window of time allowed for access. Those of us with limited mobility rely on OSV to take in the beautiful winter landscape in this area and other areas like it.

As you know climate change is pushing the snow level higher in elevation most years. Most areas at 7000 ft. and below like the east side of Highway 395 is only OSV usable for a short time each year. We treasure our current high elevation access like the McGee area, Tioga Pass area, Lee Vining canyon, The Sherwin's, Mammoth Lakes basin, Minaret Summit, and San Joaquin Ridge. Please consider expanding more high elevation access for OSV users.

Thank you.