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Comments: Dear U.S. National Forest Service and USDA,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the potential further closures of lands to snowmobiling within the Inyo National Forest . My family and I have been visiting and enjoying these lands for over a decade, with snowmobiling being an integral part of our recreational activities.

These trips to the National Forest not only offer cherished family bonding time but also serve as an opportunity for us to support the local community. We frequently contribute to the local economy through dining, shopping, lodging, and other tourism-related activities. By closing more areas to snowmobiling, it impacts not just our ability to enjoy these public lands but also diminishes our incentive to support local businesses as robustly as we have in the past.

While I understand that land management decisions are multifaceted and consider various factors, I urge the U.S. National Forest Service to carefully weigh the implications such closures could have on families like mine and the local communities that depend on the influx of visitors and their economic contributions.

I hope the importance of maintaining accessible recreational areas for diverse activities like snowmobiling is considered in your decision-making. Thank you for your attention to this matter.