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I hope this message finds you well. I recently learned about the proposed changes aimed at further restricting snowmobile riding in the popular area of Mammoth, California, within the Inyo National Forest. As someone who frequently visits this area with my family and who genuinely cares about both the natural environment and the local community, I wanted to share my perspective on this matter.

First and foremost, it's essential to acknowledge the importance of preserving the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the Inyo National Forest. However, I believe that a balanced approach is needed to address the concerns related to snowmobile riding while also considering the impact on the local community.

Snowmobile riding has been a cherished outdoor activity for many families like mine, attracting tourists to Mammoth and contributing to the local economy. prohibition on snowmobile riding in this area could have adverse consequences for local businesses, including winter sports rentals, restaurants, and accommodations, which rely on tourism. It's crucial to strike a balance between conservation efforts and supporting the livelihoods of the residents.

Furthermore, educational programs and initiatives can be developed to raise awareness about responsible snowmobile use, wildlife protection, and environmental conservation. By fostering a sense of stewardship among snowmobile riders, we can collectively contribute to the long-term preservation of this beautiful area.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to consider alternative solutions that allow for the coexistence of snowmobile riding and environmental preservation in Mammoth, California. A balanced approach that involves community engagement and responsible usage can help achieve these goals without negatively affecting the local community's economy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope that we can work together to find a solution that benefits both the environment and the people of Mammoth.

Sincerely,

Krystal Ragan