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Comments: I agree with many of comments from OSV users- they are generally very respectful (not to mention generally good people) whenever I cross paths with them. We need to preserve space for OSV use.

But. This does not change the fundamental issue with user group conflicts. We need to create environments in which all user groups have a space to enjoy- and we have more than enough space to go around.

As someone who enjoys both motorized and non motorized activities, we have to acknowledge that there is inherent conflict between the user groups. It's a one sided conflict that primarily impacts non motorized users, but it's disingenuous to suggest there is no conflict.

-OSV activities are not impacted by non motorized users. When snowmobiling, the skiers/hikers/snowshoers do not impact my enjoyment in any way.

-But, when I am alpine/nordic skiing or hiking I am generally hoping for peace and quiet. It's half the reason I do it. The noise of OSV detracts from the experience. The exhaust/fumes detract from the experience. The OSV tracks on slopes AND flats detract from the experience (I respectfully disagree with comments from my OSV friends who contend that XC skiers like snowmobile tracks- the vast majority of us don't).

On a related note, I would hope to have buffer zones between town/homes and the noise of OSV vehicles. As someone who works nights (23 years ER Doc at Mammoth Hospital), I often have a really hard time sleeping during the day when we have big snow years and snowmobiles are frequenting the meadows and highpointing the Sherwins. The noise definitely reflects off the slope into the neighborhood and white noise/ear plugs don't drown it out. As much as I love seeing everyone out there having fun, I hate going to work having not slept all day because of the noise. I know there are other shift workers out there who suffer the same frustrations. So I am begging the decision makers to really consider buffer zones with town/neighborhoods.

We are really blessed with ample space for all users, so I don't think this needs to be controversial. I love that we can enjoy this space in lots of different ways. And I 100% support designated areas for OSV use. Lets just give some flat space around town that is designated non motorized use, so that non motorized users can use without noise/exhaust spoiling their enjoyment (while also providing distance based sound buffers to residential areas).

It seems like there are reasonable solutions. For example Sherwin area: east of propane tanks = OSV, west of propane tanks = non motorized use.

Thanks!

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