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Comments: I support snowmobilers having space to enjoy their activity, but it should be kept as far away from homes/neighborhoods as possible. Snowmobiles are loud, air-polluting machines and are very much at odds with a huge reason people come to the Sierra in the first place: for the peace and quiet and solitude.

Problems can arise especially in the vicinity of neighborhoods, such as Mammoth Knolls. There supposedly is a speed limit for snowmobiles in the vicinity of neighborhoods, but otherwise snowmobilers can, and do, travel right up to the property lines of peoples' homes. The noise and exhaust smell is disruptive. Worse yet, some snowmobilers take the liberty to trespass on private property and cut through yards.

I strongly oppose opening up, or allowing to remain open, any land that is anywhere near homes and neighborhoods. There should be a substantial "no snowmobiling allowed" buffer zone between snowmobiles and homes/neighborhoods. More buffer distance is better.