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Comments: Threat of lawsuits from anti-access groups concealing themselves as "environmental groups" should not dictate policy, PERIOD. Public lands should be open to the public. I wholeheartedly support any OSV expansion plan.

As someone who has enjoyed both motorized and foot-powered backcountry exploration in the Eastern Sierra for the last 11 years and counting, I 100% believe there is no conflict between the two user groups, including after April 17th in the lakes basin. Any perceived tension brought up by 'anti-access groups' simply does not actually exist. Every snowmobiler I have ever come across in all of my years splitboarding has been nothing but respectful and courteous, and if anything, more caring for the environment and access to public lands than any other user group.

With how limited snowmobile access already is in our area (and becoming even more threatened by changing climate), changing the OSV map to limit access, especially in lower elevations would be horrendously irresponsible.

We are all backcountry users that love the mountains, lets keep our access.