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Comments: Thank you for considering the public's comments on this proposal on Over-Snow Vehicle Use around the town of Mammoth Lakes.

The use of Over-snow Vehicles (and any motorized vehicles in summer) adjacent to residences and near high use areas for human propelled recreation is incompatible, disruptive, and dangerous.

Specifically, the forest service areas South of the developed residential properties of Mammoth Lakes up to the top of Sherwin Ridge (East to Bardini Ridge & West to the Lakes Basin) is completely inappropriate for vehicular use (over snow or otherwise). The noise would be disruptive to those residences, the streets adjacent to these areas would be illegally used by these vehicles, the vehicles would pose dangers to children, pedestrians and pets anywhere near the residences, but most importantly over the snow vehicle use on the steep slopes of the Sherwin ridge would greatly increase the avalanche hazard risk for all snow users on those slopes or in the basins below them. Since this is the most popular "side country" access for skiers in the entire Inyo National Forest, it makes sense to separate these uses in this area.

Additionally, but for all the same reasons, the areas North of the developed residential properties of Mammoth Lakes (West to the Scenic Loop and East to Shady Rest Park) should have a substantial buffer between vehicular use of the forest and residential areas. I suggest at least a mile separation or to the top of the most obvious topographical feature since any motorized use on those slopes would be loudly heard in town.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. I look forward to hearing how the forest will manage the incompatibility of these uses in these specific areas.

Sincerely,
Robert Creasy