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Comments: Hi,

I would first like to thank the USFS for providing a lot of good information during the public meeting on 9/21 to address the OSV designation issue. I can appreciate the work that has gone into designating areas open/closed, and feel that there is some room for improvement in a couple of key areas.

I've lived in Mammoth since 2010, and I am an avid backcountry skier, certified Mountain Guide, AIARE avalanche course leader, and am considering getting a snowmobile at some point soon for access.

The main area in question that I believe has the most opportunity for user conflicts is the Sherwin Meadow area. A marked increase in use has been visible here, with backcountry skiers and riders and avalanche courses, as the sport has grown in popularity dramatically in recent years. While in many ways considered Mammoth's "attractive nuisance", the Sherwin Ridge provides a unique access point for excellent skiing and riding opportunities with ease of access and terrain that is generally most favorable to BC skiers due to the terrain configuration above the meadow.

For many years, OSV use here was fairly rare, aside from the lower moraines, and occasional use in the Tele Bowls, with the odd high-marker heading up the Main Avy Path/Dempsey Don't run. In recent year with an increase in OSV users and improvements in sled technology, use has become more frequent and has presented more conflict with the larger user base, BC skiers/riders.

I propose that either no OSV use is to be allowed between the Bluffs and the end of Punta Bardini, or OSV use is limited to the meadow exclusively.

Another area that is an opportunity for expansion of the OSV system is in Rock Creek. With the Rock Creek Lodge not operating anymore, and no grooming being done, it would seem like a positive move to open the Rock Creek Road to multiple use, with a designated lane for OSV use and a groomed lane for non-motorized travel, up to the pack station or to Mosquito Flat.

Thank you for your time and I hope that a rational approach that seeks to minimize user conflicts is taken.

Regards, Ryan Huetter