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Comments: Shady Rest: I support the alternative being developed by the Inyo NF and the Town of Mammoth Lakes to separate motorized and nonmotorized winter recreation in the Shady Rest area. This new proposed scenario would allow for motorized staging at the New Shady Rest Campground dumpstation at the corner of CA203 and Sawmill Cutoff Road, with a designated OSV trail around the west side of Shady Rest Park for direct groomed access to nearly 100 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. The town's groomed Nordic loops, accessible from the Welcome Center parking lot, as well as Shady Rest Park itself, would not be designated open to motorized over-snow use. This would minimize conflict between incompatible uses at one of the town's most popular winter recreation access points, and would be a huge improvement for all users over the current situation.

Sherwins: The Sherwins Front, from Mill City and Mammoth Rock to Bardini and the Tele Bowls, is a renowned, world-class, frontcountry human-powered ski and snowboard area right at the edge of Mammoth Lakes. The Sherwins Meadow is a popular and easily-accessible area for walking, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and family snowplay. These areas are generally nonmotorized in summer-with trails open to equestrians, hikers and mountain bikers but not e-bikes or dirt bikes-and were recommended to be nonmotorized in winter in the community-developed Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP), as adopted by the Town of Mammoth Lakes in 2009. As with the Shady Rest proposal above, I support the development of an alternative that would not designate the Sherwins area for motorized OSV use. This would protect the meadow and the popular backcountry ski and snowboard zones and uphill tracks for quiet, nonmotorized recreation and natural soundscapes. There is plenty of room at the current propane tanks and borrow pit parking areas to create a simple, strategic separation between nonmotorized and motorized staging. This would allow for direct OSV access to thousands of acres of cross-country snowmobiling by way of a designated OSV trail that follows Sherwin Creek Road to the motocross area and beyond (rather than straight through the walking and sledding area and over the south-facing slopes and manzanita across from the Tele Bowls), effectively minimizing conflict between incompatible uses and allowing for a range of different recreation experiences for all people.