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Comments: I am a cross country skier, and avoid trails where snowmobiles go. There is plenty of space for different types of recreation users to share the forest. Therefore I strongly urge you to have separate trails for motorized and nonmotorized recreation.

Some specific suggestions:

Separate motorized and nonmotorized recreation at the Shady Rest area by creating two separate trailheads: 1) a snowmobile trailhead at the intersection of CA 203 and Sawmill Cutoff Road with a designated OSV route around the west side of Shady Rest Park connecting to groomed snowmobile trails, and 2) closure of the existing groomed Nordic loops and Shady Rest Park itself to motorized travel.

Do not designate for OSV use the Sherwins area from Mill City and Mammoth Rock to Bardini and the Tele Bowls (as recommended by the community-developed Sherwins Area Recreation Plan adopted by the Town of Mammoth Lakes in 2009). Create a designated OSV trail at the current propane tanks and borrow pit that follows Sherwin Creek Road to the motocross area and beyond and avoids the walking and sledding areas and the south-facing slopes across from the Tele Bowls.

Thank you,

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