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Comments: Hello project managers and concerned stakeholders,

I am a local backcountry skier, guide and novice snowmobile rider. I would like to voice my support for the proposed Over Snow Vehicle work being done by the Forest Service. After attending the in person meeting in Mammoth Lakes, it is clear the Forest Service has done it's research into the proposed action by taking the views of many stakeholders into account. In addition, the environmental and regulatory requirements for the process have been observed to authorize and designate areas of use for over snow vehicles.

Clearly designating use areas will allow for better public education and understanding of areas where snowmobiling and other motorized use is allowed on the forest.

There are some areas where there is mixed use, for example, Shady Rest and Sherwin Creek road where over snow vehicles and human powered recreation should continued to have shared access.

One area that is closed to snowmobiles that should be considered for re-opening is Rock Creek Road. The winter operator there has not been operating a groomer for cross country skiing for several years and motorized access would allow for access to backcountry terrain that would further distribute use across the forest.

Thank you for your work on this project and I look forward to seeing progress made toward to designating terrain for over snow vehicle usage.

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