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Comments: On Snow Vehicles and back country enthusiasts should be able to recreate equally, and explore all of the land without limitations.

Although green stickers are purchased by the OSV community, and funds are used to groom cross country ski areas, the cross-country skiers continue to pay \$0 to enjoy their groomed trails.

In Reds Meadow, OSV use near the Upper Soda Springs Road is proposed up to the edge of the wilderness boundary. I believe this area should remain as an On Snow Vehicle use area. I have often given backcountry skiers a ride back to the summit of Reds Meadows as they ended up there by mistake. With no cell service in that area, snowmobiles provide a vital and necessary service to backcountry skiers which make the mistake of taking the wrong trail.

During the 2022/23 snow year, I witnessed many parking access issues. There was no highway parking access available after storms (many days after storms) to get away from Shady Rest or the congested parking areas. Even if you wanted to leave the town of Mammoth Lakes and the Shady rest parking lot, those highway play areas had not been plowed yet. The only option was to deploy from Shady rest, June Lake (if the highway was open), etc - which only exacerbates the back country skier vs On Snow Vehicle congestion. Overall, I am not opposed to the snowmobile alternative access to Shady Rest, so long as it remains accessible after heavy storms (just as the Shady Rest public parking lot is groomed), and the trailhead is groomed with as much respect as the current access locations are.

I do not believe that heavily congested areas where OSV deploy and cross country skiers and dog walkers encounter one another is as big of a deal as it used to be. Most cross-country skiers are not found further than 3-4 miles outside of parking areas. So, out of respect for their space, and their dogs off leash, it is now my routine to go completely off the trail to avoid them on my On Snow Vehicle. I will ride 50-100 feet off the trail to avoid them. Which brings me to my next topic... It's quite difficult to avoid a cross-country skier or dog walker (at Shady Rest), when there is a defrosted pipeline 3-4' off the ground, which crosses the congested path. From Shady Rest parking, even if you try to avoid dogs and backcountry skiers, you must get back on the cross-country path so you don't accidentally drive into the defrosted pipeline trench.

I DO understand that some cross-country skiers do not want to even hear a snowmobile in the back country, but there is much more land that they can access which On Snow Vehicles are not allowed. Since cross country skiers have much more access, they should respect the public use land areas and if they don't want to hear snowmobiles, they should go to the existing locations where OSV do not have access. They should not try to close what little land we have remaining to access on OSV's.

Public land should remain for public use!