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Comments: Dear National Forest Staff,

As the NF field staff knows, the Sherwins area, located south of Mammoth Lakes, California, offers a variety of cross country ski experiences for all levels of skiers - from the groomed trails of Mill City to the challenging backcountry terrain of the Tele Bowls.

Please do not designate OSV use in 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). Instead, 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.

Also, please separate motorized and non-motorized recreation at the Shady Rest area by creating two separate trailheads.

And, please enact a closure of the existing groomed Nordic loops and Shady Rest Park itself to motorized travel.

Sincerely, Richard Mandel