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Comments: I've been an avid snowmobiler for the 16 years that I've lived in Mammoth Lakes. It's a great form of winter outdoor recreation as an alternative to battling the crowds on the mountain. I feel that everyone should be allowed to recreate in our surrounding areas safely and responsibly wether it's on or off trail. I utilize the same areas in the summer as I do in the winter and have seen zero evidence of any damage or harm caused by snowmobiles. If anything, this group should be focusing on the damage caused from OHV's in the summer rather than the winter. I would encourage this group to open more areas further away from the groomed trails in an attempt to separate the cross county skiers from snowmobilers, since the cross country skier's seem to have such an issue with snowmobiles. Please consider this before restricting more riding areas, which would just bottleneck more people into smaller areas, which is more of a step back rather than a step forward. Thank you for your time.