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Comments: I have now lived in Mammoth for 18 years and have always held jobs that directly contribute to the success of this town. Currently I work 110 hours per pay period (2 weeks) to live here and it's barely affordable. My one outlet and pure joy in this area is snowmobiling. My group has an immense amount of respect for any individuals enjoying outdoor winter sports. We will always slow down for people on groomed trails, people walking dogs and other snowmobilers. More often than not we will go out of our way to make sure any individual we come across is doing ok, especially on storm days. Last season alone I helped 4 cross country skiers back to their vehicle at the shady rest area, they set out on a groomed trail and became exhausted. The only thing I ask is do not reduce the rideable acreage that currently exists. On low snow years in this town my group and others travels to Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington just to get a few good days riding. The average snowmobile costs \$23,500 now. The 12" base rule is beyond reasonable and we would all agree with that. If you're willing to ride a sled on that little amount of snow you honestly shouldn't be riding a sled. In regards to the lakes basin area I feel it is well known that all snowmobilers respect the area and follow the rules. On drought years when we can't ride in lower elevations we travel to other states just to ride. On good years it opens late April and we have a couple weeks of enjoying our backyard. Please do not take that away from us. Any reduction in acreage would be a step back for the entire area. Please do not put more limitations and rules on our public lands that we work so hard for to enjoy! feel free to contact me via phone 7607090057