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Comments: As a Mammoth Lakes homeowner, and a frequent winter recreational user, I am writing to comment on the Inyo National Forest Proposed Action for Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation, and, in contrast to the current proposal which threatens to motorize most areas outside of designated wilderness, to encourage the protection of areas for wildlife, natural soundscapes and nonmotorized use.

In order to minimise conflict between motorised and non-motorised users, I support the alternative developed by the Inyo NF and the Town of Mammoth Lakes to designate the town's groomed Nordic loops, accessible from the Welcome Center parking lot, as well as the Shady Rest Park as non-motorized areas, and to provide a designated OSV trail around the west side of Shady Rest Park for direct groomed access to nearly 100 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

I support the community-developed Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP), as adopted by the Town of Mammoth Lakes in 2009, which retains the Sherwins Front, from Mill City and Mammoth Rock to Bardini and the Tele Bowls, as well as the Sherwins Meadow for non-motorised use, while allowing for direct OSV access to thousands of acres of cross-country snowmobiling by way of a designated OSV trail that follows Sherwin Creek Road to the motocross area and beyond.

Thank you for your support in ensuring a fair balance between non-motorised and motorised users, and protecting the natural beauty and peaceful environment of the Mammoth Lakes area. The local residents, and the many visitors who come to enjoy the serene surroundings (and spend many tourist dollars!) appreciate your consideration.