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Comments: Dear INYO National Park,

It is with dismay that I read your proposed extension to the area which is open to snowmobiles. I am a Mammoth Lakes homeowner and am winter backcountry user in the affected area. The eastern part of the proposed area contains wild and remote areas. The winter users in those areas have travelled under human power, by foot, snowshoe, or ski and are attracted by the natural beauty and wild character. Noisy and polluting vehicles are the antithesis of such an experience and will destroy the sense of wilderness for all other users. At that time of year the wildlife can ill afford the stress that these vehicles will cause.

In addition some of the proposed areas are popular with other park users - in particular Lee Vining Canyon, Sherwin Creek, and the family snow play area on Scenic Loop.

I ask instead that the snowmobile users be separated from the other winter users by creating a designated snowmobile trail that avoids the existing family snow area and connects to the existing groomed snowmobile trails.

Thank you for your consideration.