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Comments: Land use change is the current leading driver of species extinction, even outpacing climate change. Land use change has drastically altered or eliminated the majority of wild habitat for mammals and birds. The trees in the Inyo National Forest are known to already be dying from drought, wildfires and invasive insect attacks. For these reasons it's vital to keep remaining habitat as pristine as possible. Over-snow vehicles such as snowmobiles are non necessary in most (recreational) cases. They are very loud, and emit noxious fumes. They disrupt the peace and quiet of the forest, increasing animal stress loads. They are physically dangerous to people, animals, and vegetation. For all of these reasons, I urge the decision makers to eliminate or minimize recreational oversnow vehicle activity in the Inyo National Forest.