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Comments: Thank you for considering the public's comments on this proposal on Over-Snow Vehicle Use around the town of Mammoth Lakes. Please consider my following comments:

*Mammoth Lakes Municipal Boundary: I am in favor of the USFS developing alternatives that designate separate OSV routes that move OSVs at low speeds to areas and routes so that impacts to other uses and to residential neighborhoods are minimized or better yet: eliminated. Residential neighborhoods should not be impacted OSV in any way.

*Mammoth Lakes Basin: Opening the Lakes Basin to OSV April 17 should be limited to existing roadways. Per the Mammoth Lakes Trail System website: "On April 17 of each year, after the cross-country ski season ends and before roads are plowed, snowmobiles are allowed in the Lakes Basin on existing roadways only, conditions permitting."

*Sherwins Front and Sherwins Meadow: I hope to see the development of an alternative that would not designate any of the Sherwins area for motorized OSV use. This would protect the meadow and the popular backcountry ski and snowboard zones and uphill tracks for accessible, quiet, non-motorized recreation and natural soundscapes, and would minimize safety concerns and conflict between incompatible uses. This would also eliminate the disturbing OSV noise to the residential neighborhoods that border the Sherwin area. There is plenty of space in the Sherwin area for separation of users. A simple solution would be for OSV users to the east of the propane tanks and for non-motorized users to the west of the propane tanks.

Respectfully,

Thomas Daniels