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Comments: Commenting on parking, separate trails and splitting of terrain. Mostly focused on the area around Mammoth and the park since that's the most populated area. My usage is snowmobile first, then dog walking with and without xc skiing, skiing from the snowmobile and then very little skinning to ski. I have attended one meeting recently where I heard ideas and had conversations with friends from all usage categories regarding some ideas.

Most important to me is having a launch parking area that is user friendly by having turnaround space for a trailer that is clearly marked and not used for actual parking. Some sort of organized parking pattern would also make things easier and more organized.

I like the idea of having designated usage on trails near the launch area around the park or maybe from Main lodge up if that's feasible. I don't mind the trails beginning at the same parking area as long as the parking structure for trailers is maintained. I think many snowmobilers pass by skiers and walkers too fast and a few courtesy signs on the way out of the park about speed and awareness could be helpful.

Another idea I heard at the meeting was regarding use of the Sherwins and splitting it up east from west at the propane tanks, snowmobiles only being allowed to the east. I'm kind of split on this. While I dislike restrictions being place on where people can go the proportional usage I observe seems to trend in this manner. On a daily basis there are more skiers to the west of the tanks and the sleds seem to use the east a bit more. This being another area of higher use kind of like the park but in the "backcountry". It's not the worst compromise if it came to this. Overall, I wouldn't like to see snowmobiles banned from this entire area or any other area that isn't as high use.

Thanks.