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Comments: The world has changed so much. There is so much more of the 2 year olds stereotyped mentality of 'I want it so I am going to take it and you can't have any'.

I have a neutral position in regards to this proposal and had no intension of writing my own comment. Only after seeing a large number of people who came right out and said OSVs should not be allowed, did I feel I needed to voice my opinion. Their comments are exaggerated, harsh and biased. In all of my years of enjoying the outdoors in winter in all forms I have never been involved or heard of an issue of conflict between OSVs and Non-OSV users. So why now? Why is it that the snowmobilers are the ones that have to give up what they enjoy?

Like some commented, it is public land to be used by the all the public.

The Sherwin's was a big topic of discussion. It, like all of Mammoth has grown in popularity, partially due to covid, social media and google maps. I met a friend there last spring and could not believe the number of people in the immediate area. I know the increase in snowfall also brought more people to Mammoth this past year but I could not believe it when the parking lot was full with people and dogs. I did observe a couple of snowmobilers going for a ride. They kept out of the way of people, made little noise and drove slow. Once they were outside of the immediate meadow I did not see or hear them. I was more bothered by the noise of a number of off leash dogs barking and running wildly. Then there was the trash in the parking lot and into the meadow. It was saddening to see.

There were comments in regards to noise that OSVs make. Yes they make noise but is it any where close to the disturbance that the military jets make when they fly over (too low in my opinion) Mammoth year round? I find that even more disturbing and I am sure wildlife would agree.

Comments also included the disturbance of OSVs on wildlife. If you read the proposed report it includes a biological resources review was done on species in the area and it stated that there was little to no disturbance to any of them.

I like to describe this past winter as an anomaly. We had the most snow ever. We had every form of snow from the fluffiest powder to east coast wet snow. These varying conditions can cause all sorts of disruptions in the snowpack. So to the person who basically said it was snowmobiles that caused an avalanche; that is not fair.

I am writing this through frustration of reading others comments, but did not want to for the reason that I am responding to comments that are not even relevant to the proposal. Comments that the already busy forestry service officers have to read through.

On that note, I want to make a special THANKS to the forest Service for all they do. It is a big pair of shoes to fill and a lot hats to be worn. Keep up the great work guys and gals!