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Comments: These are my comments on the initial proposed action for Sub part C.

I would like to thank those involved in the creation of the initial proposed action for creating a non biased or discriminatory map. I wholeheartedly support this proposal with just a few additions.

- \* There is a critical need for a high elevation trailhead, in the past this was solved with the Cinder Shed staging that was at one time a Forest approved location. Whatever happened with the original agreement I don't know but this area needs to be opened and maintained.
- \* To reduce congestion for all users, open a staging area along the scenic loop or multiple small areas using existing roads could go a long way steering clear of the current parking on the edge of the road used by tobogganers tubers and so on.
- \* Imperative that Ormat be required to mark their equipment and pipeline and mark the potential crossings of their pipelines. These lines create a great danger for all users and need to be dealt with, and not by allowing a for profit business to require any loss of recreation in the area.
- \* I fully support the staging area at the new Shady Rest campground as this is for years where we all staged, and it was far superior to the new location. However, the trail out should be on the MUP that is currently groomed for non-motorized and move the non-motorized trail over so there is no loss of milage or opportunity for them.
- \* Snow depth, the current proposal at first glance looks good, but I am concerned that it will eliminate areas that are otherwise available in large snow years such as this past winter. I am wondering if there is a mapping solution that could deal with this. It would not be fair to stop one user group from using this terrain when allowing others to use it when there is adequate snow.

A few more comments in closing. When dealing with this issue we always hear comments about conflict between user groups, However, it is my belief that someone not liking the chosen sport of another and wanting to see them forced out does not reach the level of conflict. Snowmobilers and non-motorized users have shared the trails for years with little or no conflict. Over those years much of the forest I used has been closed to my chosen sport all still open for cross country skiers and other non-motorized users that travel much smaller distances in a day than snowmobilers. However, they have much more terrain in which to recreate the amount of terrain left open to OSV users should not be further restricted. If users cannot find the type of experience they are looking for they will start riding in closed areas which none of us wants to see.