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Comments: As a summer and winter user of the Bear Basin area I am writing in support of the changes project #63507 contains for that area.

The proposed winter closure to snowmobiles formalizes the pre-existing informal understanding that sledders pass thru' Bear Basin only on the road on their way to higher elevation. The vast majority of sledders respect the nordic area and avoid it but clarifying and codifying the separation is good policy.

The summer trail improvements and road closures will again separate motorized and non-motorized recreation to the benefit of all. Since #63507 creates parking for biker/hikers in Bear Basin and also parking for motorized users on the other side of Hwy 55 there is something for everyone in this proposal.

Preventing user conflicts by creating clearly mapped and designated areas for the different user groups is a successful strategy recognized by land managers nationwide.

Sincerely,

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