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Snowmobiling significantly outpaces the skiing industry in local spending by 2-3 times. The question arises: as we deplete our most substantial contributor to the use of these areas, where do we plan to secure financing for these projects?

Moreover, if the primary worry is fire prevention, why invest over \$59 million in "improving" the area? Logging Companies with nearby wood mills, might willingly pay for the logging rights instead of us incurring expenses. This seems like a clear case of mishandling public funds for the exclusive benefit of a select few.

The proposal to reduce over 40,000 acres of snow activity in Valley and Adams County while doubling the snowmobile parking area, all under the guise of "Fire Prevention," raises concerns. Despite opposition to clearing or proper logging, there's now an acceptance for more cat skiing. The impact on Valley County could include decreased land values in the Warren Wagon area due to heightened traffic, the need for larger parking lots in other areas and a potential reduction in snowmobile-related spending in the community. Consider the implications on grooming budgets for additional roads with fewer sleds using them.