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Comments: Motorized users are the only group that have to pay for a permit to go play in the backcountry on public lands. The seasonal temporary closure for cat-skiing, was too much to begin with. If skiers are going into the backcountry, they too should understand it's everyone's playground. A permanent closure seems to be biased against snowmobilers/over the snow motorized users. What happens when a non-motorized user needs evacuation due to trauma or medical? Then ORV response would be requested, which is hypocritical at best. It seems to only be ok to have a motorized unit when the non-motorized enthusiasts request it for personal/selfish reasons. I think there is a better way for all backcountry users to work together and enjoy what this great state has to offer. More closures is not the answer. Money seems to talk, unless its coming in the form of permits. Ski resorts already take some of the best most accessible real estate. Please leave the backcountry forests accessible to all users!!