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Comments: With how drastically technology is improving Over Snow Vehicles will soon have impacts equivalent to foot traffic over snow. Newer factory Turbos are much quieter than older sleds. Electric snowmobiles will soon dominate the future. As quoted by taigamoters maker of electric snowmobiles "Essentially Unless You're riding the night near them, you won't hear them." I would like resource managers to address how they are going to incorporate best available technologies with the advent of osv technology that will create less noise and other pollution. For example electronic snowmobiles. When over snow vehicle technology produce virtually the same amount of disturbances as human foot traffic how will it be accommodated in the future of over snow management? Once policy is created it's a very slow process to change. Is there any thought about creating a limited permit system for use? At some point human foot traffic will create the same amount of resource damage equivalent to motorized OSV machines. Non-motorized users already have plenty of places in the wilderness and non-motorized areas to escape from motorized users. Why is there any need to create more areas when at a point in the near future impacts on the resources will be virtually identical. I also would like to know why split boards, skinning, snowshoes and cross-country skiers are not ever banned from entering motorized areas to prevent users conflicts. I personally don't have a problem with them but they always try to close motorized areas. Why do land management agencies limit where non-motorized people can go if part of the arguments from groups like winter wildland alliance is that motorized vehicles put them in danger? Your plan is much less restrictive than other Forest, but I do not see the need to add any additional non-motorized trails. I would however like to see a multi-use area where snowmobiles are required to stay on trial so that hybrid skier/snowboarders can use snowmobiles to access trails to ski or snowboarding lines untraced by snowmobiles. Much like Buffalow Pass Winter Recreation Area has for Steamboat Powdercats outfitters guides. I would also like this plan to include areas for cat skiing operations in the future.