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Comments: I'd like my voice to be heard in favor of keeping our wonderful winter landscape peaceful, quiet, and avoiding pollution and environmental damage as much as possible. Allowing snowmobile / engine powered access to large swathes of our forest goes against these goals. It's truly remarkable the outsized impact a single sled can have on the landscape - tracks, meadows etc but also on the noise landscape. At some of the more popular backcountry / cross country skiing trailheads on the east side of the pass there could be dozens of quiet people being subjected to the noise, exhaust and track-wrecking from the sleds.

The forest is big enough to give space to everyone, but that needs to start with reasonable "opt in" limits on where mechanized machines can go. The plan as I understand it currently would give a much wider area over to mechanized use. Please do not do this