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Comments: I am not a snowmobiler, just a private citizen that uses the trails and parks in the Arnold/Ebbetts Pass areas. I don't object to opening additional land to OSVs provided that a thorough environmental impact study indicates minimal impact on the land and species in the area. The scoping document indicates that there are only two areas that will be opened, and those are "near natural" and currently only allow non-motorized vehicles. If OSVs are allowed into these areas, can there be some requirement or right-of-way given to those of us who are using the areas without motorized equipment? So if I'm walking in the area, can it be a rule that OSVs will keep their distance, keep the noise down, and have minimal impact on my experience? OSVs are loud and smelly. Hikers probably view them in the same way that kayakers view power boats... it's hard for them to coexist. I would like to see some special rules for OSVs if they are granted access to "near natural" areas that would preserve the experience for non-OSV users.