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Comments: In regard to Brian Head Resort Expansion project #65965, I strongly encourage consideration for the snowmobile trail in this area to be preserved. This trail (road) is used during winter months for snowmobiles and other tracked vehicles, and provides access to cabins, properties and parts of Dixie National Forest. It provides ingress/egress to the town of Brian Head and is used privately and commercially for access and recreation. This trail is listed on the Utah Snowmobiling map (Cedar Mountain Complex, section 8) and describes the trail as a wide, groomed trail that provides access to High Mountain and Cedar Breaks (see attachment).

If this trail is compromised, there needs to be an alternative trail or access route. This may include bridges or tunnels to get snowmobiles across proposed ski areas or roads. It is crucial that the snowmobile trail be protected and preserved in such a manner that it remains open and accessible for tracked vehicles.

Part of this trail was removed several years ago when Chair #1 was reinstalled and snowmobiles were not allowed to cross over to the Bear Flat side, but that was resolved by improving a 'snowmobile only' trail traversing up and around the new chair lift and ski area. With this new expansion proposal, there doesn't appear to be a way around, so the trail will have to go through the new ski area in such a manner where skiers and snowmobiles can co-exist.