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To whom it may concern,

The Lincoln County SnoKat Club is in complete support of the Montanore Mine seeing fruition. The protections that have been proposed more than adequately protect water, fisheries, wildlife, and our natural resources. However, the Lincoln County SnoKats object to any closures of over the snow vehicles in the east cabinet area. A National Park Service study in Yellowstone (White 2006) concluded that "human disturbance did not appear to be a primary factor influencing the distribution and movements of the wildlife species studied; there was no evidence that snowmobile use during the past 35 years adversely affected the demography or population dynamics.

As an alternative to permanently closing roads / areas to over the snow vehicles we would like to see a seasonal closure recommended if necessary. We would like to still have access with over the snow vehicles in these historically traveled places.

Thank you,

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Lincoln County SnoKat Club