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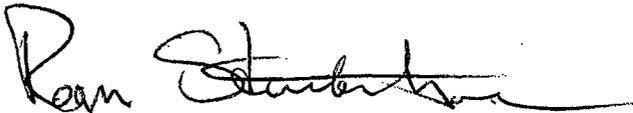
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Please consider this as a notice of appeal on the closure of the Carter-Crescent Lake area to snowmachines.

I have , with others, used the area since 1993 for recreational snowmaching. We have always respected the area and have enjoyed it as a place for the family to get to without have to take a full day trip. Since 1993 I have only seen skiers there two times. One of the groups even mentioned it was good to have machines come through to set some type of trail in the deep snow. (I'am also a person that helps set the trails for the high school ski team)

This ruling takes away a great area for a group of people that are not extremists, but just recreational users. It is the best location for a person that does not have a full day. (Lost Lake is more noted for a full day trip, that does not fit our needs) It is also a great location to have two riders on one machine, which we often do with visitors or family members.

Please consider at least alternating weeks for motorized and non-motorized. That way both will have use and the skiers will actually benefit by getting trail set for them every other week. Extreme snowmachiners and skiers should not prevail over most of us in the moderate category. (Skiers and riders that can co-exist .)



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