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The Honorable Greg Walden
U.S. House of Representatives
2182 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Walden:

I am writing on behalf of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations which represents snowmobilers across the country in support of HR 4272, the Forest Access in Rural Communities Act.

We appreciate the language in HR 4272 which would require the Forest Service to consult and be in agreement with affected county government prior to altering access to the Forest Service lands -- including closures or decommissioning of any roads or trails.

The snowmobile community is concerned with the lack of local input, access for motorized recreation being limited. Involving the local communities is crucial and endures those rural communities that depend on the economic impact and the residents that recreate on those lands the opportunity for input and comments.

We wholeheartedly support HR 4272.

Thank you for introducing this legislation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Christine Jourdain