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Forest Service Reminds Visitors That Snowmobile Use Is Not Allowed in Wilderness Areas

Wells, Nevada...Over the President's holiday weekend, Forest Service law enforcement officers and District employees monitored illegal snowmobile use in Lamoille Canyon and the Ruby Mountains Wilderness. Although motorized vehicle use is prohibited in congressionally designated wilderness areas, the employees saw 17 sleds in the wilderness and 6 operators each received a \$500 citation.

"The Forest Service will continue enforcing the law regarding the illegal use of motorized vehicles, snowmobiles in this case, in the wilderness," stated Terry Chute, Jarbidge, and Ruby Mountains District Ranger. "A lot of areas are available for snowmobiling on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's 6.2 million acres - snowmobiling in the wilderness, however, will not be tolerated."

Winter visitors can find out more about where to snowmobile and enjoy other recreational activities by visiting the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf, or by calling the Wells office at 775-752-3357.



Wilderness boundary near Liberty Pass on the Ruby Mountains Ranger District

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