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TO: Mt. Abe Snow Sports Snowmobile Club

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Thank you for submitting your proposal requesting snowmobile access to Starksboro town roads. While your submission does help to clarify your initial request, there are still a few items that require further clarification. Please resubmit your proposal with the following adjustments/additions:

- A formal endorsement from VAST
- A description of the proposed trail/access to the roads that includes
 - Maps indicating the requested access and what trails will be connected by the requested access; It is unclear what trails are being connected. It would be helpful to share an area map of the current snowmobile trails showing how your request will connect those trails.
 - Evidence that the state has granted snowmobile access to the Lewis Creek Wildlife Management Area
 - Proposed time of day access/curfew (What are normal VAST trail hours?)
 - Side of road of travel
- A description of the efforts made to connect the trails without access to town roads; While you did mention being denied access by two land owners, we wonder if there are other alternatives.
- A description of the efforts made to collaborate with community members regarding the requested access and the plan for ongoing collaboration with community members should the access be granted. We are also hoping to hear about your efforts to reconcile with the community members taken by surprise when signs were posted for snowmobile travel on town roads without permission and proactive communication.
- The plan to monitor usage/proper usage of the requested access; While the initial request does reiterate the connection with VSP and VF&W, we would like to see evidence that the group has reached out to these organizations to talk specifically about how/when these trails will be monitored and what the result of those conversations were.
- A fully detailed request including map (as noted in our initial email and indicated above) for the request on Russell Young Road and Sam Stokes Road.

We look forward to hearing from you again soon.

JP Painter
On behalf of the Starksboro Selectboard