

# Nevada National Forests

The Nevada national forests contain:

- 48 miles of groomed winter trails
- 46 miles of groomed winter trails open to snowmobiles
- 2 miles of groomed trails closed to snowmobiles

See Table A.

The Nevada national forests contain:

- 6,332,500 acres of land
- 5,317,500 acres of land open to snowmobiles
- 10,225 acres of non-wilderness land closed to snowmobiles
- 1,004,775 acres of designated wilderness land, also closed to snowmobiles

See Table C.

The NVUM surveys for the Nevada forests show:

- 0 cross-country ski and snowshoe participants annually, and
- 0 snowmobile participants annually

State SCORP surveys show the participation to be:

- 78,000 cross-country ski and snowshoe participants annually
- 65,000 snowmobile participants annually

See Table B.

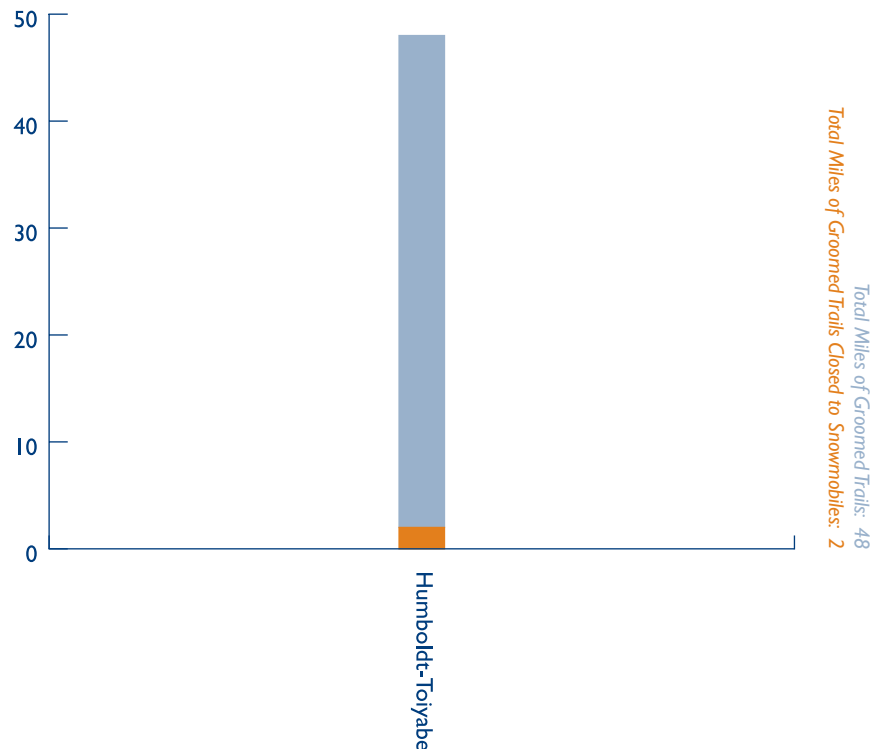
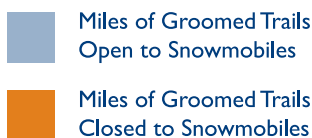
These numbers show that on the national forest land in Nevada, all of which is within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, there are twenty-five times more groomed motorized miles of trails than non-motorized, yet the state SCORP surveys show that statewide the number of skiers and snowshoers exceed the number of snowmobilers. According to the Nevada SCORP survey conducted in 2001, 3.8 percent of respondents participated in snowmobiling, 3.1 percent in cross-country skiing, and 1.5 percent in snowshoeing.<sup>90</sup> An estimated 65,000 people participated in snowmobiling and an estimated 78,000 participated in cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in 2001. Using the state figures, the disparity results in density of 39,000 cross-country skier and snowshoer visits per non-motorized mile versus 1,413 snowmobile visits per motorized mile.

Of 6,332,500 million acres of forest land in Nevada, only 10,225 acres are non-wilderness non-motorized. Even including wilderness acres, less than one-fifth of the forest is designated non-motorized.

Further exacerbating the situation, statistics show the mean number of annual outdoor participation days in Nevada for cross-country skiers as 12.2 compared to 8.3 days for snowmobilers.<sup>91</sup>

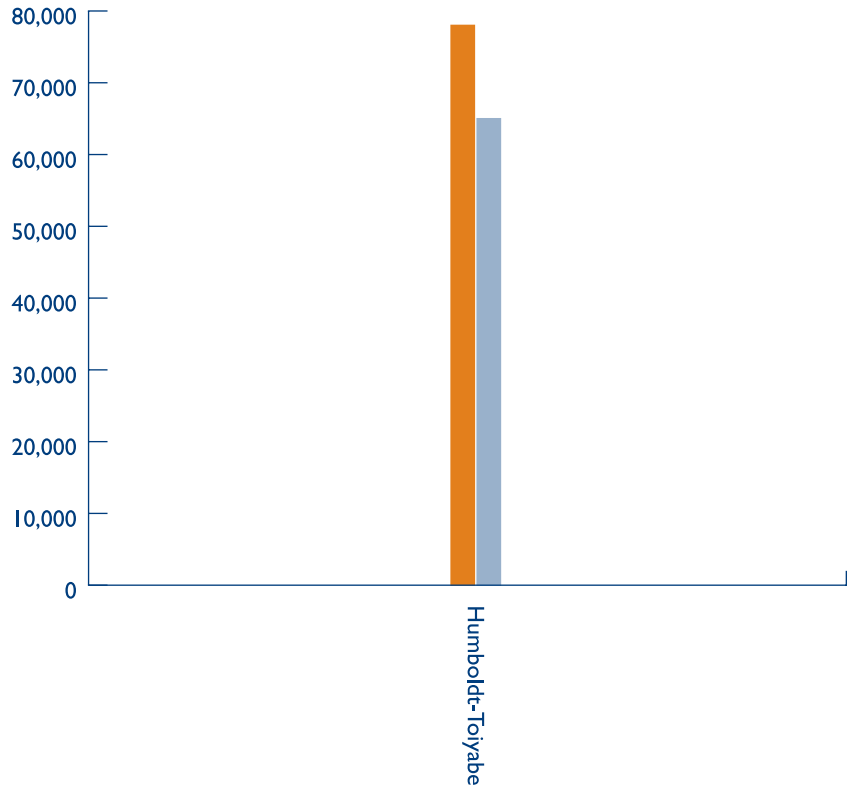
**Table A:** Total Miles of Groomed Winter Trails on National Forest Land Open and Closed to Snowmobiles

See Appendix 3, pg. 38, for comparison of snowmobiles vs. skiers/snowshoers per mile of motorized and non-motorized trails.



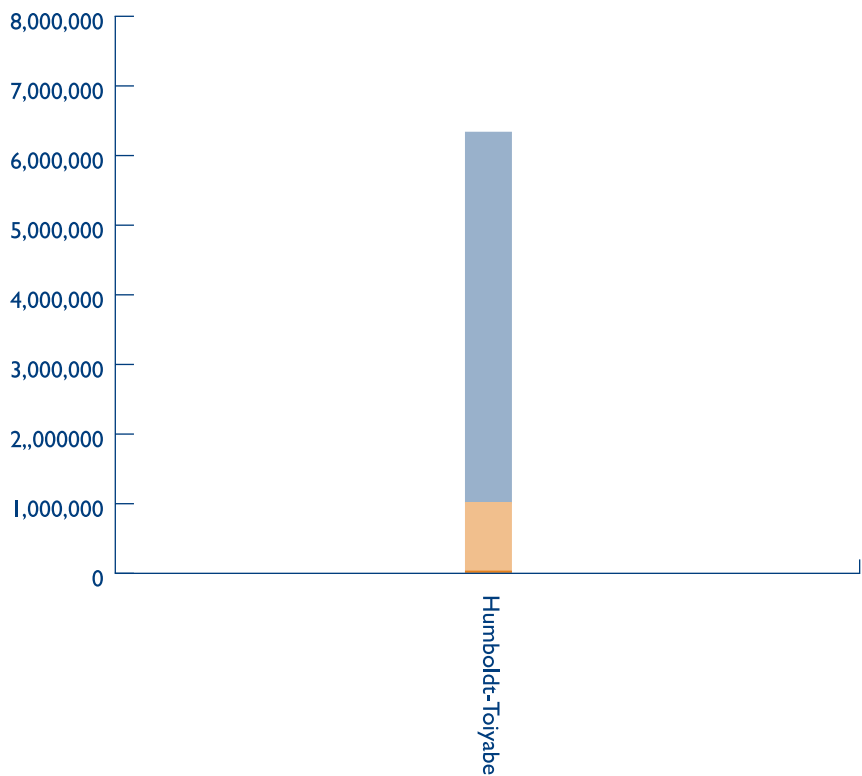
**Table B: National Forest Annual Participants per Activity**

Source: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)



Total Number of Snowmobile Participants: 65,000  
 Total Number of Cross-country Ski and Snowshoe Participants: 78,000

**Table C: National Forest Acres Open and Closed to Snowmobiles**



Acres Open to Snowmobiles: 5,317,500  
 Acres of Designated Wilderness Closed to Snowmobiles: 1,004,775  
 Acres of Non-Wilderness Closed to Snowmobiles: 10,225