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NYS Climate Action Council  
Draft Scoping Plan Comments  
NYSERDA  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear Members of the Climate Action Council:

The county that I serve, Lewis County, relies significantly on tourism from snowmobiles and ATV enthusiasts. These are recreational industries we would like to see expanded through safe and authorized trail operations. This would require the state to make them a bigger priority and make a larger investment as well as modify laws to allow safe recreational activity.

Instead, the Climate Action Council's Draft Scoping Plan, as part of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, threatens the very existence of these industries and the economic boon they tourism provides Lewis County.

Snowmobiling brings almost \$1 billion in economic activity in New York's every year. And a recent [study](#) by Camoin Associates of Saratoga Springs reported that ATV tourism and use generate over \$8 million in economic activity every year in Lewis County alone. That economic activity will disappear under the Draft Scoping Plan, robbing Lewis County of a powerful economic engine.

I strongly urge you to reject the Draft Scoping Plan.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Ryan Piche  
County Manager