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Title: Man-Made Lake Hazards

The Problem:

The plowing of frozen lakes to create tracks for ice racing/skating or access creates large and potentially dangerous snow berms that other recreational vehicles such as trucks, ATVs and snowmobiles can drive into/over and possibly cause harm or injury. These snow berms can be between 24 and 60 inches in height are especially hazardous when created in high traffic areas. The snow berms are difficult to see under certain conditions and make traversing the lake in those areas especially difficult since they are usually created at or near lake access points.

There already has been reported accidents/injuries due to these plowed ice racing tracks /snow berms. The area that I am specifically familiar with this problem is the north shore of Lake Koshkonong.

BE IT RESOLVED that it be required that all ice tracks/plowed areas that have snow berms as a result of their construction be marked during use with high visibility cones. After these tracks/areas have been abandoned, it would be required to leave those areas reasonably leveled as to not present a hazard to other vehicles operating in those areas.

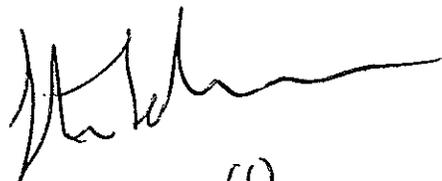
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