

1 Q. **D-353; Volume I: Replace Light Duty Mobile Equipment**

2 Please explain the difference between Snowmobiles/All-Terrain Vehicles:
3 Transmission Line Crews and Snowmobiles/All-Terrain Vehicles: Other that would
4 result in an estimated service life difference of approximately 2 years.

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7 A. The light duty mobile equipment used almost daily by the Transmission Line Crews
8 is utilized on our Transmission lines which are very rough due to their isolated
9 locations. The access points are not maintained or groomed because it is cost
10 prohibitive. There are many hazards on the trails that are covered by snow in winter
11 or hidden by brush in the remainder of the year. Because of the extremely rough
12 terrain, the wear and tear on the equipment is much more pronounced than on the
13 equipment used for Distribution and other light use. The majority of the
14 Distribution and other-use units are not used on a daily basis and the life is
15 therefore extended to seven years or more depending on location.