

PUBLIC COMMENT RECORD



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Comments:

1- Connectivity is very important for the planning area as it is the link between the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, the Cabinet Yak & the Selway Ecosystems to the North connecting to the Selway-Bitterroot & Yellowstone ecosystems to the South. There needs to be coordination with Forests & agencies on the Montana side to ensure wildlife corridors are maintained or enhanced across the state divide & within Idaho.

2- Option B which opens areas of the Great Burn to snowmobile use is bad for connectivity, could harm wildlife such as mountain goats, wolverines & future grizzly populations. This area has long been recommended for wilderness & should remain so. Allowing motorized use would cause management enforcement issues on the Forests on both sides of the state line & would threaten future wilderness designation. This would lessen connectivity values & open the door for additional motorized uses degrading quiet uses. Areas free of motorized use are a diminishing resource once lost are forever gone.

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