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My family and I very much enjoy being outdoors and participate in many forms of recreation including hiking, swimming, bicycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. I have lived in Idaho my entire life and am very protective of our beautiful lands. My children grew up camping and vacationing, knowing that part of our trip would be stopping along the way and picking up trash. They were always expected to help out and we would always leave an area much better than we found it.

I believe that the Forest Service has overreached their authority and acted illegally by shutting down our ability to ride/snowmobile in the Great Burn any longer without any justification to do so. They have managed Recommended Wilderness as Wilderness without any consideration as to the perimeters of their authority.

Every time the Forest Service shuts down an area to motorized recreation, they are telling elderly and disabled Americans that they are not allowed to enjoy our Forests. This is their only access to see these beautiful areas and you are taking that away from those less fortunate than yourselves. I find that an extremely disgusting and irresponsible act.

It is always the same extremely radical so-called environmental groups (those that you don’t ever see picking up trash or putting boots on the ground to impove an area) that through threats of lawsuits, govern our lands and the Forest Service. If this continues, we will have no choice but to form a grassroots group, lobbying to defund the Forest Service and their unfair and illegal practices. There was a time a couple of decades in the past that the Forest Service was a great partner for our lands; this is no longer the case. It is time that the Forest Service stopped catering to the special interest groups and got back to taking care of our Forests! My tracks don’t last!!!

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