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Dear Forest Managers,

I have submitted written comment on the proposed plan in 2022 which qualifies me to submit at this time. I would like to continue to voice my opposition to the proposed plan B for the following reasons:

- 1) If plan B were adopted the Forest Service would be effectively rewarding those outfitters who reported over and above their allowed service days. This sounds like giving a child a candy bar for bad behavior.
- 2) This plan would allow for commercial groups of more than 12 people when granted an exception. I feel that there is no reason there should ever be a group of this size guided in the backcountry. The impacts of a group this size is obviously not in keeping with the five qualities of wilderness or ones idea of a backcountry experience.
- 3) Winter motorized impacts on wildlife habitat will be further compromised by this increase in service days. Snowmobiles, now more than ever, disturb wintering goats, wolverines and Peregrine Falcons during their brief breeding season. Two of which are threatened species that need no added pressure to their survival.

Further increasing service days with plan B after outfitter complaints about the 'initial allocation increase' does not provide the desired conditions and recreation experience the public land user deserves.

Respectfully,

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