

To whom it may concern,

As an outdoor enthusiast and lover of all things mountains, I am writing to voice some concerns that I have. All too often ~~the~~ not our national forest is carved up to motorized use, once designated to that realm, rarely does it ever come back and if it does it is badly degraded.

The human spirit needs quiet solitude, peaceful mountains, and a sense of adventure. Human powered sports and outdoor pursuits allow the adventure spirit to soar and be free. Experience has taught me that the freedom of the hills is of the utmost importance.

I am both a backcountry skier and a snowmobiler. I recognize the benefits of both modes of transportation, both in fun and excitement, but also in utilitarianism. As a user of public lands, I recognize a push for a multi use ethos, but I do not believe that to be the best approach. If everywhere is available for every sport, it detracts from some and reduces the joy for all.

When it comes to human powered skiing, that is of the utmost importance. Skiing started by humans strapping boards of wood, bundlings of willow, and animal furs-

I have already personally come across sled tracks in unmotorized areas many times. It is unfortunate and a detractor from these places. There are so many areas where sleds have access and only a few where skiers or snowshoers have select access. Lets work together to ensure that these few places remain intact and protected!

Such places like Lolo pass, the Saint Regis Basin, Wishard Ridge, and Morrel Mountain are designated as human powered. We are only asking for protection and access to a small fraction of what motor access already possesses! FS 18591 should be a Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized place.

Thank you for your work on this issue, and your dedication to the American people. It takes a lot of work and dedication to make the right choices in land management. Many thanks!

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