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Comments: Hi Zach. Please attach this picture to my previously submitted comments.

This photo was taken around April 10, 2020 on the Forest Service road to Hoodoo Pass (SEE ATTACHMENT, LTR#16863). The particular location is adjacent to the Land Owner Mtn goat winter range. I have referenced this particular area previously, as to my knowledge it is the only identified location of a Mtn Goat winter range relevant to the Great Burn. As you are well aware there is lots of hyperbole about snowmobiles negatively impacting Mtn Goats.

What is noteworthy is there are never any photos documenting the purported problems. All hypothetical. All fear mongering. This photo is factual evidence that Mtn Goats are not terrified of snowmobile activity. This is actually the second photo sent to me of goats adjacent to snowmobiles being loaded in roughly the same area a couple of days apart.

The take away from this photo is: The Goat had to hear the snowmobile approach the truck and did not run away. This dispels the myth that Goats are traumatized by snowmobile noise up to three miles distant (submitted by the Great Burn Study Group in a collaborative session but without any corroborating evidence). It also is verifiable evidence Mtn Goats are wintering in low level snow areas, not 10 feet of snow (headwaters of Williams Creek and the South Fork of Kelly Creek) as recently posted in several Wilderness advocates websites and letters to the Editor in the Missoulian.

Hope all is well with both of you.

Regards,

Stan