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Comments: OPPOSE the Kootenai National Forest (KNF) plan to restrict snowmobile and other "over the snow" vehicle use on the entire KNF under the guise of "grizzly bear denning habitat".

OPPOSE the plan to close areas of KNF for grizzly bear habitat to "MOTOR VEHICLE USE".

Grizzly bear populations have been thriving in areas with roads (as do other wildlife), and in areas of snowmobile use in the winter. What purpose does it serve to limit snowmobile use when Grizzly are Hibernating? Makes no sense at all.

Areas deemed as "denning habitat" encroach on rural communities and private property. Also "proposed grizzly bear drop locations" are near farming and ranching areas which threatens residents and livestock.

Grizzly are currently thriving in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming.

Management of 'Public Lands for Public Use' and 'Multiple Use' is the best plan and practice.