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Comments: I am a Lolo resident and have chosen to live in Lolo in large part because of its proximity to the amazing backcountry skiing near Lolo Pass. I understand the need to balance use of our public lands across various user interests. I build homes for a living and am keenly aware that harvesting timber in a responsible manner reduces the likelihood of catastrophic wildfire and also helps keep building products affordable. In short, you guys have a difficult job balancing competing and important interests.

That said, the Crystal Amphitheater area near Lolo Pass is a rare and valuable thing because it provides wonderful terrain for skiers and snowboarders very close to Missoula, and even closer for those of us who call Lolo home. For that reason, I oppose FS 16675 as a Semi-Primitive Motorized setting. Please consider it as a Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized setting. I am happy to share public land with snow machines and other motorized users, but it would be nice for those of us traveling under our own power to have this particular section free from potential user conflict. Thank you very much.