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Comments: Thank you for hosting a meeting on the Montana side! I've been reading the document but haven't finished yet - so I'll share some comments now, and others when I finish. First, I found your choice of maps for tonight's meeting to be a little odd. This is more about background info than actually illustrating the "outs" of the Proposed Action. And mixing maps from previous planning effort, various options, and some from the Proposed Action is confusing.

Second, I'm quite concerned (and puzzled) about the 3 winter motorized use SMAs within the Great Burn Proposed Wilderness. This created a bad situation for future wilderness managers BECAUSE the motorized users will not stay within the SMA. In fact they currently use the Lolo side, which is illegal, accessing from Hoodoo. Not only is this a very difficult situation for future wilderness managers and LEOs it will likely have negative impacts on wolverine and Mtn goats. In addition by permitting winter motorized use, it will ensure those SMAs will never have the potential to be recommended for Wilderness. This will leave the Great Burn area as poorer habitat and much poorer connectivity between the Cabinet-Yaak/NCDE and Bitterroot Ecosystems. FOR THESE REASONS I DO NOT SUPPORT OPTION B. It won't work and is a poor decision for future land management and land managers. The Great Burn is a very special place and Option B is a very bad idea.