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Comments: I'm writing to oppose the proposed clear cut, and timber thinning at the Pole creek Nordic area. This small area is vital to recreation of people from Johnson, and Sheridan county. Any given weekend, you will find large numbers of people cross country skiing and snow shoeing. You will see many families enjoying a wonderful trail system maintained by volunteers of the Pole creek Nordic club. You may think that removing trees from around the trails will not impact the winter recreation at this sight, but it will! The wind causes havoc in the area's that are in open, and free of trees. If the trees that are purposed to be clear cut are removed, there will be no way to maintain a trail system do to wind drifting. I have looked over the map of the clear cutting and thinning, and I don't understand why this small area can't be left alone for the sake of the people who recreate there. To move the Nordic trails to another location would take years to do, and would need a NEPA plan. I urge the powers in charge to save this little gem of the Big Horn mountains. I live in Sheridan, and I drive to Pole creek almost every weekend to skate ski on the wonderfully maintained trails that other Nordic clubs wish they could have. I do hope you take these points into consideration. Sincerely, concerned citizen Kyle Fedden