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Comments: The Spokane Winter Knights is a Snowmobile Club based in the Spokane area and represents about 300 snowmobilers in the Spokane and Pend Oreille Counties. We also have an oversight role in the snowmobile trail grooming that takes place on the Colville National Forest at the Kings Lake and Paupac areas. Additionally, the Winter Knights maintains the lease for the "Ritz" warming hut that is used as a shelter in the summer and warming structure in the winter. We maintain the bathroom, provide firewood, remove brush on the trails, and pick up litter. The Winter Knights is also engaged in public education as we provide signs, brochures, and updates on areas that are open and those that are closed.

The Spokane Winter Knights is in favor of the Preferred Alternative "P" as it would allow the snowmobile trail system that is in place today to remain. Having the ability to maintain this system of trails is very important as these trails are used by many groups. It is not uncommon to see dog sleds, back country skiers, and fat tire bikes all using these trails. These trails are also used by people of all ages. For some this is the only way they can enjoy these areas of the National Forest.

Members of the Winter Knights also enjoy the other snowmobile trails that are located in the Colville National Forest. They include the Lone to Metaline, Mill Creek, Floodelle/Tacoma Creek, Old Dominion, North Fork of Chewelah Creek, Flowery Trail, and Nine Bark. Maps of this trail system can be found on the Washington State Parks website. The website address is: <http://parks.state.wa.us/440/Inland-Northeast-Southeast>