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Comments: Dear Sir

I am a member of the Coeur D' Alene Snowmobile Club and ISSA. I have been a snowmobiler since 1973 and this is the premiere destination in North Idaho and western Montana. Due to the nature of the terrain we are only able to access a small portion of this area. I have been into Ho Doos and Fish Cr areas many times. To access that area requires a good snow pack to be present which also makes it inaccessible to foot travel. When the snow melts in June or July our tracks disappear. We have gathered the Beauty with our cameras and minds and must wait for another winter season to arrive.

Both of My Daughters and One son-in-law have been able to enjoy the area on many great trips.

It seems a waste of resources to classify it as wilderness because in that state it is a Land of NO USE to the majority of the population. I had to work for a living and only had time off from work in winter. I have never seen any one in that area on foot during Winter Months with 6 to 10 feet of snow in the upper elevations.

We have been to Heart, Pearl, Dalton, Steep Lakes in the Ho Doo's and many more. In the Fish Cr area we also entered from MT. to Irish Basin, Kid lake, Leo lake, etc. Many times there were other groups of riders only to see their rigs at trail head and their tracks for a few miles as there is such a vast area we seldom saw anyone other than our group.

It is a Beautiful area lets get it unlocked for all to enjoy, not just a privileged few..

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