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Comments: I would like to support the winter closure proposed for the Bear Basin area. This is heavenly used by winter recreation and should have additional protection.

Bear Basin is very close to the major population center and is a real gem for both winter and summer recreation. Along with the closure I would encourage the Forest Service to obliterate user built roads which are eroding the top soil and encouraging over uses by motorized vehicles in the summer.

Bear Basin is a small part of the Payette National Forest but because of it location it needs extra protection to maintain its natural state from over use. A year round motorized closer would ensure this protection. Wood cutting and off road use is inadequately enforced and by closing less than three miles of system roads the protection of a great recreation resource can be maintain.