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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Payette Lakes Ski Club, a non-profit organization which operates Little Ski Hill, and Bear Basin Nordic Center in McCall.

We are requesting Bear Basin be taken into consideration for creating a non-motorized use designation.

Bear Basin has become a popular recreation destination for locals and visitors alike. We maintain many kilometers of groomed Nordic trails in the winter. Currently we are not able to restrict snowmobile traffic on our groomed trails. A non-motorized designation would allow us to properly sign the boundary to prevent incursions.

We also feel there is value in considering non-motorized designation during summer months as well. Over the years, many non-system roads have been driven into existence throughout our winter permit area. These roads have continued to degrade, causing problems for our grooming operations, particularly during early season and low snow years.

This area is highly utilized by non-motorized recreationists throughout the year. This area is unique with its proximity to town, developed trail systems, and connectivity to the greater forest. Designating this area as non-motorized would be a tremendous asset to our community as a whole.

Thank You for your consideration,

Colby Nielsen

Executive Director/General Manager

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