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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to comment on the Granite Meadows project. Concerning the Bear Basin Area, I feel it needs to be designated non-motorized except for the special use permit for grooming the cross country ski trails. In the spring, summer and fall this area is also heavily used for mushroom picking and huckleberry picking along with hiking and mountain biking. There is a population of Great Gray Owls which reside in the area, and is designated a sensitive species. These owls use the large meadow system in and surrounding Bear Basin for hunting and nest in platforms erected by the Payette National Forest.

Some of the roads between Little and Big Bear Basin need to be decommissioned and recontoured due to the erosion issues. There are large and deep ruts due to use while still muddy in the spring.

This Bear Basin area is heavily used and close to McCall and should be designated non-motorized.

Concerning the Granite Mountain Area, it should be designated non-motorized in the winter due to back country skiing and snow boarding with the exception of Brundage Mountain snowcat skiing in this area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Marilyn Olson