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Comments: Please consider allowing the use of SnoCats in the Cooke City motorized recreation area. There is historical use of Snow coaches in the Cooke City area going back to the early 1900s. And SnoCats have had a big presence since the 1970s. I realize that it doesn't fit the 'winter travel plan', but that now seems antiquated with all the sno-bikes and suped-up snowmobiles can and do go everywhere - including places they shouldn't, like the wilderness. SnoCats can only go 10 mph and really can't leave the maintained trail.

Several years ago I had my SnoCat up around LuLu Pass. I was near a party in which one skier broke his femur after hitting a tree. In my SnoCat I had a satellite phone, traction splint and trauma kit and I'm an EMT. We rescued him, applied the splint and carted him out comfortably in the SnoCat, with Gardiner EMS waiting for us in Cooke City. We're not all bad folks, and if snobikes and snowmobiles that can go 100+ mph are allowed, then SnoCats should also be allowed in the motorized recreation area.

Thanks for your consideration.