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Comments: Have increase search and rescue efforts in Great Burn during winter been considered? Who will foot the bill and are beacon companies able to recognize and call in the appropriate medical assistance from the appropriate area? (Idaho vs. Montana). Are the appropriate search and rescue teams prepared? Is there signage or a way to educate riders about the risk they are taking? Is there already an appropriate system in place? If not, who should facilitate and pay for this?

As our population grows, so does the number of those who will utilize our public lands. Machines break, avalanches occur, and risks are eminent. Not everyone realizes this before heading out on an adventure into the backcountry. We need to ensure that our funds for rescue and education are appropriate before advertising that a remote area is open to mechanized public use.