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Comments: I am writing in support of Backcountry Sled Patriots position regarding snowmobile access as follows: Designate HOODOO (Great Burn) as a semi primitive motorized area. Motorized and mechanized uses will be restricted to SNOWMOBILES, MTN BIKES AND GAME CARTS. Eliminate the RWA status in areas in BEAVER RIDGE, WHITE SANDS AND Tom Beal areas. This offers protection for the HOODOO area very similar to Alternative Z but allows more robust trail management, fire management, vegetation management and access for wildlife study. There is no basis or need for additional protection in the Beaver Ridge, White Sands and Tom Beal areas currently designated RWA's.

I personally have ridden very little in this area, as my riding partner's attitude is "why bother- they've shut the good areas down". This impacts the economy of the area by not bringing in additional visitors.

While not having ridden in this particular area extensively (trails only), I am a fervent supporter of backcountry snowmobiling. It's been proven in multiple studies that the economic impacts are strongly positive, and "our tracks don't last". We don't need additional areas closed off, we need areas reopened. The huge majority of the snowmobiling community is very respectful of the areas they ride.

Thank you for your time. I plan on being at the Missoula meeting to show my support.