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Comments: I live in the Fish Creek drainage on the Montana side of the Forest and have been snowmobiling the area for 30 years. The most desirable areas we frequent are/were the Heart Lake/Hoodoo, Surveyor, Crooked Fork and the Beaver Ridge area. I support an alternative that restores snowmobiling to these areas.

These areas offer some of the most desirable snowmobiling in the area and have been an economic shot in the arm for the county of Mineral which has been hit by reduced logging and increased public ownership of property. When the Surveyor area was open to snowmobiling you would see 15 to 20 vehicles parked on the Fish Creek road to access the area. Today there are none. This has to have a significant impact on the economics of the area.

In my 30 years of snowmobiling in this area I have never seen other users, only snowmobiles. There is no user conflicts in the Hoodoo, Surveyor, Beaver Ridge or Stateline areas. In addition the only wildlife I have ever seen are near the Locsha Lodge and that was moose next to the highway.

In closing I support an alternative that opens Hoodoo, Surveyor, Crooked Fork and Beaver Ridge to snowmobile use. This has been a long established use in these areas. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.