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Comments: I worked in the Great Burn Wilderness Study Area along Kelly Creek under Forest Service funding in Summer 2016.

My job was to document and treat noxious weeds throughout the Kelly Creek drainage. If I learned one thing, it's that unnecessary, off trail and especially motorized human contact was one of the largest factors in spreading noxious weeds and harming wildlife populations, including big game like elk, deer and moose. The Great Burn Area is one of the many great treasures we have in the Northwest and I strongly oppose any changes to existing boundaries that prohibit motorized vehicles.

I have friends and family who snowmobile and mountain bike. Recreation is a key piece of our economy, but we're already blessed with thousands of miles of trails to enjoy those activities on throughout Idaho and Montana. We only have on Great Burn, and snowmobiling and biking are incredibly destructive and harmful to healthy ecosystems which are already at risk from the spread of invasive species and climate change. This is something I've seen with my own eyes.

Please do not alter the boundaries and preserve this place for future generations to enjoy.