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Comments: Allowing motorized use in the Great Burn would negatively impact our goat and wolverine populations, among other wildlife concerns

Hunters, in particular, care about these two species because 1) we'd like to see mountain goats on the Montana side thrive to the point of sustaining a huntable population and 2) as a candidate to be listed as a Threatened Species under the Endangered Species Act, it's in everyone's best interests to provide habitat security for the wolverine

Shrinking or eliminating any of the Recommended Wilderness could open up the Great Burn to road building and increased resource extraction that would threaten and forever alter this important habitat and landscape

Increasing winter motorized use and removing Recommended Wilderness on the Idaho side will certainly increase the likelihood of the Lolo National Forest doing the same on the Montana side, which is another reason to oppose this

Both sustaining healthy numbers of wild westslope cutthroat trout (and close enough for Montanans to catch them), the South Fork and Kelly Creek in particular should both be considered for Wild & Scenic river designations

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In short, we believe the Idaho portion of Great Burn should be left as it was planned in 1987 Forest Plan, not shrunken or opened to motorized use