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Comments: Today I would like to take a few minutes to comment on this very serious issue. My name is Dale Bakken, and I live in Missoula Mt. I write today expressing my support the semi primitive motorizes action plan I specifically support the proposals of opening the area to motorized vehicles and bicycles.

I am an avid snowmobiler and dirt biker. I have never seen any wildlife, other than birds and a rabbit in the back country in the middle of winter. To think that goats, deer or elk will stay in the back country when there is 10 feet of snow is crazy. Any person who knows anything about wildlife know that animals move to lower grounds in the winter where food is easier to access. As spring rolls around and the snow melts, you will never see a trace of any snowmobiles having been there. Using the excuse that snowmobiles scare wildlife makes no sense to me. Look at Yellowstone National park, the snowmobiles ride feet from Buffalo herds and the animals do not move. Please consider everything I have said and help us to open this area up to motorized use.

Thank you Dale Bakken