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To whom this may concern:

I am writing today to add a comment to the upcoming Forest Plan for the Great Burn riding area (Clearwater National Forest). I want to express my love for the area and the continued use for generations to come. I support the &quot;NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE&quot; with the following changes:

Hoodoo area will be designated as 'semi-primitive motorized&quot; instead of a RWA. Access would be limited to snowmobiles, snow bikes, and Mtn bikes. The North fork Spruce-White Sands and Sneakfoot Meadows RWA's be eliminated because these areas have been historically accessed by snowmobilers and we don't want these RWA's potentially be designated areas for wilderness. This is a fair designation to both motorized and non-motorized users that allows both access and does not diminish the wilderness characteristics of the areas.

I love the Great Burn area for its amazing beauty and scenery that it offers. It offers great solitude and there is no conflict with cross country skiers or other outdoor enthusiasts. It really is like no other place in the lower 48. When the snow melts the trace of snowmobiler use is eliminated.

There is never any conflict between wildlife. Wolverines live in dens in rocky cliff that are never accessed by anyone other than wolverines themselves. Mountain goats winter on wind scoured ridges barren rocky ridges where they can reach vegetation in areas with very limited snow accumulation areas. Snowmobiles need at least 5 feet of snow for riding, so that doesn't make sense that there is even a conflict of interest with wildlife. I support protection of the Great Burn from any activities that could impair the character of the area.

Please consider that value I, my family and friends, and future generations put on the ability to access and recreate in the Great Burn.

Thank you for reading!

Sincerely,

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