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Comments: Our land, and by our land, I mean the American people's land needs to be open for all to enjoy. These land grabs need to stop. It's extremely sad that we as tax paying citizens are not able to enjoy the outdoors like we have done for decades. We won't be able to share the outdoors and make memories with our kids.

I've ridden this area several times over the years and it's some beautiful terrain that I'd like to share with my kids. All the shut downs of areas has a severe impact on local economies. I drive all over the western United States to ride. When doing so, I spend a lot of money at local businesses at motels, restaurants, gas station and convenience stores, local snowmobile guides and snowmobile dealerships. There are thousands like me that will no longer be able to spend my money in these small local economies when riding areas are constantly shut down.

I cannot fathom for the life of me how a snowmobile does any damage to the forest. It's sitting above the land on several feet of snow. Typical areas ridden have little wildlife in them as the snow is too deep for local wildlife except for certain animals adept in the snow. Elk and mountain goats from my experience don't seem to mind others in the back country as long as distance is maintained which I always do.

Please don't close down another area and take away land from us to enjoy and make memories on. Please don't punish local businesses and towns that will lose out the positive economic impact of the snowmobile community.