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Comments: Hello and thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment. My name is Larry and I'm from western Montana where I live, work and recreate. I am writing you today expressing my support of the "no action" alternative with exceptions to the Great Burn area(Hoodoo). I specifically support the "no action" alternative travel plan that allows for motorized "over-the-snow" vehicle(ie. snowmobiles, snowbikes and other tracked vehicles) recreation during the winter months. I do, however, support protection of the Great Burn area from any activities that may degrade the characteristics of the area. For example, allowing only non-motorized use during the months where over-the-snow travel is not possible. As I am sure you are aware, the great burn area offers an opportunity for over-the-snow recreation that is unmatched anywhere in the lower 48. As a snowmobiler, I enjoy the same scenery, challenging topography, and the solitude that non motorized users also enjoy in this area. Once the snow has gone, there is no trace snowmobiles or otherwise ever being in the area. Before the Great Burn was designated a RWA, I used to snowmobile there. Not once have I ever conflicted with other users. Nor have I ever seen any wildlife up there either. Wildlife is either hibernating or staying the in the lower elevations where there is much less snow and their food is easier for them to get to. Another thing to consider is the support to the local economy snowmobilers and snowbikers bring. We frequent fuel stations, grocery stores, restaurants, parts stores, mechanics' shops and hotels/motels. Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit comments, I Hope you consider them and the Great Burn can once again be enjoyed by a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts.

Thanks,

Larry