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Comments: Collaborative information. Hoodoo (Great Burn Area)

Hi,

I Support the "NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE" with the following changes: Hoodoo area should be designated as 'semi-primitive motorized' instead of a RWA. Access would be limited to snowmobiles, snow bikes and mountain bikes. North Fork Spruce-White Sands and Sneakfoot Meadows RWA's need to be eliminated. The reason for going with the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE WITH CHANGES instead of going with alternative X is many snowmobile groups feel this is a fair designation for both motorized and non-motorized users that allows uses that will not diminish the wildness character of the area. The reason for eliminating the three RWA's mentioned is they are "bolt on" areas to existing wilderness but do not have the characteristics to qualify for a future wilderness designation.

The reasons that I support this are because I love the Great Burn for SCENERY, CHALLENGE, AND SOLITUDE. It is an area like no other in the lower 48 States. There are no other users in the high country in the winter season. There is no wildlife disturbance in the winter due to snow depth. When the snow melts, all trace of snowmobiling is erased. The reason for eliminating the North Fork Spruce-White Sands and Sneakfoot RWA's is they do not meet the Forest Service criteria for potential inclusion into the Wilderness preservation system. They are areas that had been historically accessed by snowmobilers for many years.

I don't support a RWA designation, but do support protection of the Great Burn from any activity(s) that could impair the character of the area. Areas noted for RWA expansion in alternatives 'W' and 'Z' do not meet the criteria for Recommended Wilderness.

Snowmobiles and mountain bikes lose ground to recreate on every year and with every draft that comes out. More people are enjoying these forms of recreating than ever before, but we are crowding in to smaller areas. We need more areas to be able to ride.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Erik Ulmer