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Comments: To whom this may concern, I am writing you to voice my opinion on the Nez-perce Travel plan for the Great burn and beaver ridge area.

This area is some of the most beautiful country you can find in the lower 48. My primary Concern is with the closing of these areas to snowmobiling. In the 15 years I have been snowmobiling i have yet to see anyone beside fellow snowmobiles in these areas. These areas are so far from a major rode that most people never get to experience the breath taking views.

I know one of the major concern is to protect the winter grazing area for the Mountain goat. For the winter months these areas area covered in so much snow That mountain goats are not seen at all. There is no food for these animals during the winter months at the high elevations.

To close the great burn area for snowmobiling would be a huge lose for the Snowmobile community and would make other areas more crowded causing conflicts between skiers and snowshoers. In the lolo area i have seen many times were skiers will toss things at people snowmobiling by even though we are on the designated trail. In the back country of the great burn there is no interaction with other people and have never seen conflicts.

Along with the lose to the snowmobile community surrounding business to the access points we use will also take a major hit. The money that comes in during the winter from Fuel and Lodging people need when they come to ride these breathtaking ares would be cut significantly.

If these areas are closed to Snowmobiling people will never get to enjoys the Great county. These remote areas are so far from a major road and to hike in to these spots is not for the average person.

Please Choose the Alternative X and allow access to these areas that we have Historically been able to enjoy

Thanks Lee