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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the good fortune to ride snowmobiles in the Idaho Backcountry for the last 12 years. The impact of snowmobiles in the backcountry are minimal as we ride on a surface that is a buffer between the dirt and vegetation below. I have not seen big game animals in my many trips as they are in the lower elevations and winter range areas. Other than the occasional grouse we rarely see anything on our rides. The financial benefit of snowmobiles in these small rural communities is incredible with lodging, food, fuel and other things being bought in their rural towns. Please maintain access for our many outdoor recreationists to include snowmobiles.