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Comments: I am grateful for open spaces, for the quiet, for the calm, and for the opportunities they hold. I would like to focus my comment today on the proposal to open two large parcels of the Recommended Great Burn Wilderness to snowmobile use near Hoodoo Pass and Blacklead Mt.

While I oppose opening these parcels for personal gratification and enjoyment of a wild place, I would also like to use my voice to oppose it for the mountain goats and wolverines that call this area home. As these creatures don't have a voice themselves, I would ask you to allow mine to speak for them in this instance. Winter is tough. It is tough to stay warm, to find shelter, and to find food. These creatures, in addition to the others that call this area home, deserve to have one less stress inflicted on their already difficult survival.

The Great Burn Recommended Wilderness should be considered Wilderness for the incredible habitat, landscape, ecosystem, and congruity it offers. Allowing snowmobile use in this area would impact its future suitability for Wilderness Designation. Though designated as "recommended wilderness", this area is wilderness. It is wild, and should be allowed to remain intact and safe to the inhabitants that call it home.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments, and may we continue to preserve the wildness of the Great Burn Recommended Wilderness.