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Comments: To whom it may concern:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a comment regarding public use of the Great Burn area. I am writing you today to express my support of the "no action" alternative with exceptions to the Great Burn(Hoodoo).

Specifically, I support the travel plan that supports the use of motorized "snow-going" vehicles, such as snowmobiles, snowbikes and other tracked vehicles. However, I also support the restriction of motorized vehicles during the spring, summer and fall months. As a resident of western Montana, I've enjoyed the scenery, terrain and solitude the Great Burn area has to offer. Before it was designated an RWA, I use to snowmobile the Great Burn and, as I am sure you are aware, it offers an opportunity for snow-going recreation that is unlike anywhere else in the lower 48. In the twenty plus years I have been snowmobiling, I can honestly say I have never conflicted with wildlife. Considering the time of year, the local wildlife is either hibernating or migrated to the lower elevations where the snow depth is much lower and their food source is easier to access. I would also like to point out what snowmobilers and snowbikers do for local economies. Filling stations, grocery stores, repair shops, parts suppliers(NAPA, AutoZone, etc.) and lodgings all benefit from the capitol that snowmobilers/snowbikers bring in during a time of the year where capitol is otherwise scarce. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit my comments. I hop you consider them and the Great Burn area can once again be enjoyed by a wider variety of outdoor recreationalists.