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Comments: As a public land owner, I feel that preserving wild spaces is of paramount importance for the well-being of all, in this rapidly-developing world. Human recreation may be important, but certainly not at the expense of the fragile habitat and migration corridors of a host of diverse species that depend on the same land for their homes. The proposal to designate such large expanses for the use of snowmobiles would force a decline in populations of mountain goat, wolverine and lynx. There are ample recreational opportunities available, such as hiking, backpacking, seasonal hunting and fishing which actually help to preserve rather than harm the integrity of these spectacular pristine wild places.

Additionally, the East and West Meadow Creek area provides an impressive watershed which is critical to the health of such an astonishing diversity of wild salmon, trout, char and steelhead. This must be protected! Where is there such a plethora of wild and scenic rivers than in these recommended wilderness areas? Once developed, humanly rearranged or massively disturbed, their pristine, soul-enriching beauty is lost forever. We are the designated stewards for the preservation of these wild lands and clear rivers!