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To whom it may concern,

I am a Montana resident of 16 years of age and recreate often on our public lands here in the state via motorized use. I find that your Forest Plan Revision is quite hostile to motorized users. Motorized recreational users are not a diminishing breed. Studies show that the number of motorized users across the nation is growing and yet you seem to want to pretend that we don't exist? There absolutely should not be any additional closures of motorized routes and yet that seems to be the approach taken. This logic is simply flawed and makes no sense. It would be greatly appreciated if the F.S. would be willing to work with a very large percentage of users who access our public lands by way of motorized recreation.

Secondly, this plan includes the addition of roadless areas. This is the method the F.S. uses to create wilderness while bypassing congressional approval.

I would also like to object to the closure of the Great Burn area to snowmobile use. As a snowmobiler, this is crucial to me. This is widely considered one of the best areas in the country to snowmobile in. It would surely be sad to see opportunities like this go to waste amidst false claims of harming wildlife. I'm pretty sure there is not much for wildlife up there when the snow is 6 feet deep in February. They typically travel down low to where they can actually access food.

Thank you very much for considering my comment,

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