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Comments: I have been skiing and recreating in the Beartooth Mountains on the Shoshone National Forest for more than 35 years. I would like to object to any proposal to extend snowmobiling beyond April 30. From April 30 until the snow melts has provided an opportunity to enjoy quiet non motorized recreation in the Beartooth high country; to extend the dates for snowmobiling would negatively impact the experience for skiers. Springtime conflict between motorized and non-motorized over-snow use on Beartooth Pass should be minimized by ending the snowmobile season on April 30 (NOT extending to June 15 as proposed)! I would also like to object to any proposal to increase snowmobile use in the High Lakes Wilderness Study Area. Any snowmobiling in this area should comply with the 1984 Wyoming Wilderness Act, which would be a reduction, not expansion of snowmobile use. I have taken numerous ski trips in that area, and have repeatedly been appalled at the snowmobile tracks that continue for miles into the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Area. Please do not expand snowmobile use in this fragile area.