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Comments: Hello, to who it may concern:

Over the snow activities are a staple in North Idaho.

There have been closures for many years that were not necessarily warranted, including a freeze on permitting for snowmobile guiding.

I believe that opening more areas, especially out of the former Caribou recovery zone, will relieve congestion and create a broader sense of health in our local wildlands.

I purchased the snowmobile division of adventure sport Rentals in 2015 and was supposed to have priority to apply for a land use permit for guiding snowmobile tours as well as a state outfitting license. It has now been 7 years since I was told that this over the snow study was going to happen and I would have to wait to apply for permitting.

My request was to operate in the Coeur d'Alene national Forest. I was not asking to do anything different than had already been done. In fact I was asking to use less space on the trail system than my previous employer and business partner was permitted for.

A major issue for my business is that the Forest service law enforcement officers do not allow commercial entities to even deliver snowmobiles to the trailhead parking lots. My customers are allowed to tow them on a trailer there themselves. So, it's completely redundant. It's actually better if I deliver my snowmobiles because I don't take up a parking spot during the day. The name of my business is Summer Snow Outfitters.

It is my opinion that myself and any other entity should be allowed to facilitate rentals or guided tours in the Coeur d'Alene national Forest. There is a high demand for this service, and it would benefit the public to be able to have deliveries to the trailheads or guided tours available.

Many thanks,

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