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Comments: On the face of the project I believe the Forest Service is making a valid attempt to consolidate lands that have needed attention for many years. That being said I believe the Forest Service is allowing a big money private organization to back door their personal agenda under the guise that are helping the public. The FS has publicly said the land exchange with the Yellowstone Club wasn't worth pursuing because it didn't offer enough benefit the the public. My opinion is the land exchange in the Crazies should be separate from the land exchange in the Madison. I don't feel that enough, if any, consideration has been given to winter recreation usage.

Snowmobilers don't use trails, they use areas, and historically this fact has been over looked. The FS stance has been, "we will maintain an easement on trail 468 and put trail 8 back on public lands". The FS currently holds and easement for the Divide Trail #8 and #468 is on public lands. I still don't see the benefit to the public in this exchange. The FS is setting themselves up for a management nightmare with conflict between private winter non-motorized recreation and public winter motorized use. Between 11-28-21 and 4-29-22 the GVSA recorded 15,664 users in the Buck Ridge area. I cannot definitively say where those 102 people per day went, but many of them spend significant time in the Third Yellowmule area (section 26 and 25). My fear is that the FS is trading conflict on the east side of the Crazies for far more potential for conflict in the Buck Ridge area. I strongly oppose the land exchange for the fact that this project in the Madison has been turned down multiple times, and I don't believe the Forest Service has done the due diligence in considering scope of winter recreation in this area.

Thank you for your time and please reach out if the GVSA can be of assistance in any way with providing winter traffic numbers. - Daniel