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Comments: Please remove the Pole Creek Nordic area from this plan and instead designate it as a Winter Sports Area. In terms of quality of life, this area contributes greatly to Johnson County and Sheridan County with very little input from the Forest Service. Volunteers have dedicated so much time to it, and it receives use by visitors and residents alike.

Clear cutting this area would ruin all that has been invested into it over the last 50 years. Without trees, the landscape will become wind-scoured and any hope of skiing will be lost.

I live in Sheridan, but I enjoy that Pole Creek is just as close to visit as Cutler or Sibley is for me. That isn't true for Buffalo residents, who have a 30 minute drive to Pole Creek but a 90 minute drive to Cutler or Sibley. Pole Creek is an important nordic area to keep additionally because of its parking capacity. Cutler is often overfilled- recent trail counters put daily usage around 200- and it doesn't have parking capacity for large events or races. Pole Creek is being considered as a location for the annual races held by the SHS and SJHS ski teams. It is the best location for this because it is closer than Antelope Butte and has better cross country trails, with parking capacity for buses and others. It is a huge amenity to the larger recreational community. Losing Pole Creek Nordic Area would be a terrible loss that would jeopardize winter visitation to Buffalo (as an anecdote, my weekly tradition is to ski Pole Creek and then eat lunch in downtown Buffalo and shop). The proposed action to cut this area would hurt the regional economy and lower quality of life for residents. I cannot emphasize how strongly I recommend against it.