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Comments: In regard to this Pole Creek Vegetation Management Project #61834 I am writing to object to this project. The Pole Creek Nordic cross-country ski area has been in use for 50 years and I have been able to use the area for 27 years. During this time I have seen more trails added in order to accommodate more of a variety of skill and endurance opportunities to enhance recreational cross-country skiing experiences in this area. I have also seen the willow vegetation propagate in such a way that moose habitat has been enhanced and they are thriving in this area because there is plenty to eat and sustain their population in the winter. Because of the continual trail maintenance and the addition of more trails, the interest in The Pole Creek Nordic cross-country ski area has grown. The Sports Lure, an outdoor recreation retail store, located on Main Street in Buffalo, Wy., offers cross-country ski rental winter packages in order to facilitate opportunities for people to experience cross-country skiing in this area. The Pole Creek Nordic cross-country ski area has become a destination cross-country ski area and it should be designated as a winter sport area so people can enjoy this area for years and years and years.