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Comments: I am writing in support of the proposed actions in Bear Basin. This area so close to town is enjoyed year round by residents and visitors alike. It is a jewel in McCall's crown.

Conversion of 50813, 50839, 50841 and 50052 into NFS trails is long overdue to prevent further degradation of these roadways that are in places deeply rutted each year from wet weather vehicle travel.

Restoration and removal of vehicle travel will directly improve hiking and mountain bike access to this area in summer. In winter cross country ski trails that run along these routes will be improved and easier to maintain without the damage done to the subsurface by vehicles.

The proposed winter closure area for Bear Basin will provide clarity for both nordic and motorized users.

Improved maps, signage and public information will keep motorized users from inadvertently entering the Payette Lake Ski Club permit boundary. I have personally met and talked to motorized users in Bear Basin ski trails who are lost and asking for directions to exit the nordic trails system.

However, transit through the new winter closure area using Bear Basin Road should be protected for motorized access and I do not see this clearly stated in the documents.