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Comments: Dear Payette National Forest,

I write in support of the proposed Granite Goose Landscape Restoration Project #63507.

I am particularly in support of the proposed recreation management changes specific to Bear Basin, including the trailhead, trail, and parking changes as well as the changes to road closures to motorized vehicles.

I also support the proposed travel management plan for the Bear Basin area to include winter closure to over-snow vehicle use near the Bear Basin Nordic Ski area, including the Payette Lake Ski Club permit boundary (approximately 1,399 acres). I support the closure not affecting over-snow use permitted for operation and maintenance of the nordic ski area.

Finally, a suggestion to consider using some of the timber harvest for firewood sales in Ponderosa State Park and perhaps locally in McCall, New Meadows and surrounding communities, generating some small income for the Forest Service and ensuring local wood is burned in campgrounds.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Bender-Kitz