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Comments: Within this project, I would like to encourage the "winter closure to over snow vehicle use near the Bear Basin Nordic Ski Area to include the Payette Lakes Ski Club Permit Boundary, (Approx 1399 Acres).

I am a regular pass holder and skier at the Bear Basin Nordic Trails and am every year dismayed to see snowmobile tracks on the groomed trails that we skiers fund. I know the local snowmobilers attempt to keep others off our trails, but there are always those who ski past the signs and ruin the skiing experience for everyone. One snowmobiler crossing our trails may have an impact for the rest of the season, depending on snow conditions, and can create a safety hazard for skiers. I believe there is plenty of terrain for snowmobilers in Bear Basin and adjacent areas. Closing this permitted area to over snow vehicles just makes sense.

I would love to see the Forest Service take this step and eliminate this undo conflict between user groups.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and your consideration.