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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

As a long time resident of Valley county and avid year round outdoor enthusiasts I would like to address the Granite Goose landscape restoration project #63507.

I feel there are several good things about this project that would improve the area and access to it. McCall and the surrounding area have become a popular destination for far more people traveling than we have ever seen. In fact there are so many people coming in that it makes it hard for the ones that have made our homes here to really enjoy what we used to have. Adding additional camping spots for use in the summer would help ease overcrowding. In the winter snowmobiling from Garden Titus lot you are lucky to even get a spot to park. Increasing the size of this lot seems a no brainer at this point.

I have always and still remain an advocate for shared use in the forest. As the president of the McCall Area Snowmobiles club I am committed to advocating for snowmobile access through working with other clubs and agency's to help ensure a fair outcome for all.

I think the temporary closer of Granite Mountain for cat skiing each year makes sense as is. The optimal skiing season is from the middle of January to the middle of March. There are other areas that snowmobiles can easily access.

A permanent closure of this area does not make any sense to me. This is something that should be on a annual basis as it is now. To permanently close it would be to hard to reverse in the future if it was ever determined that the need or desire for it was gone.

I don't really see how a permanent closer of this area will drastically increase the use of it by non motorized people. I would suggest a possible increase in the time of the closer each year but that it remain annual.

A closer of this nature that is not based on environmental impact or protecting wildlife and only benefits a private for profit business and it's clients sets a dangerous precedent for other closures.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit my comments.