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Comments: As a year-round user of the Bear Basin trails, I value the opportunity for recreation this area provides. It is truly a "crown jewel" of the Payette Forest and is renowned for winter skiing and snow shoeing, as well as summer hiking and biking. I am concerned about the overuse of motorized vehicles particularly in the summer months which leads to degradation of the trails and many of the meadows (which are used for camping). In the winter months snow mobiles detract from the serenity of the Bear Basin trails and, in some instances, snowmobilers travel across the ski trails presenting a safety hazard. This seems to occur most often near the Lyle's Loop meadow and on the West Face trails. I favor greater restrictions on motorized access in the summer months and travel restrictions for snow mobiles in and near Bear Basin and the West Face areas.