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Comments: Please accept my comments regarding the Granite Goose Landscape Restoration Project

Winter Motorized Use Closure

1. The proposed Bear Basin Nordic Ski area winter closure to over-snow vehicle use should be expanded to the north, to FSR 50452 and including FSR 50013 to insure a better buffer for the nordic area ski trails, specifically "Polar Express" and "Mack's Loop". Use of existing groomed snowmobile trails as boundaries would better define the non-motorized area and make signage easier.

Summer Recreation

1. Eliminate dispersed camping entirely from the start of FSR 50451 to the junction of FSR 50452 including any spur roads in the greater Bear Basin area. This would provide greater protection for the streams, meadows, and wetlands of Bear Basin.

Travel Management

1. I support the project's proposal to close NFS roads 50056, 50813, 50839, 50052, and 50841 to year-round public motorized use. (There seems to be some discrepancies in the scoping document on proposed road closures: Table 7 does not list FSR 50056, which is named in the text on page 25, and the text on page 25 does not name FSR 50813, which is shown on Table 7). The unique characteristics of Bear Basin are enjoyed by many hikers and bicyclists, and are heavily degraded by motorized access, firewood cutting, and dispersed camping. These road closures will reduce recreational conflicts and protect the sensitive nature of Bear Basin from further degradation.

Sensitive Species

1. Bear Basin and Eck's Flat are known Great gray owl habitat. Ensure mitigation measures are in place for all proposed activities in the project area.