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Comments: It is my opinion that over snow vehicles should be prohibited in specific areas in Bonner county so as to provide safety and quite for others that prefer to ski or snowshoe or snowboard the backcountry.

The term "multiple use" is often used when making decisions for use on public lands. It is my opinion that once a snow covered area has been used by over snow vehicles for recreation, then it is no longer safe or fun for skiers or snowboarders. The damage to the snow caused by over the snow vehicles makes a dangerous situation for any downhill skiing or snowboarding.

With that in mind, I would like to say that allowing over snow vehicles to have access to an area that is frequently used by skiers and snowboarders is more like " single use" then "Multiple use" In other words, once traveled by over the snow vehicles, it is not useable for other recreation.

Two areas that I think would be appropriate for over the snow vehicle restrictions are: the backcountry area accessed at the end of the Pack River road. If over the snow vehicles were not allowed to travel off road in the area of Beehive and Harrison Lakes, I believe we would see an increase in other forms of recreation. Another area that I think would be prefect for a non motorized designation is a small parcel of forest service land in Bonner county that encompasses Caribou Lake. This area is and has been historically used extensively by skiers and snowboarders.

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