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Comments: (GB-PW-08) I support opening up the Heart Lake, Pearl lake ,Dalton Lake and Upper Trio Lake and the stateline trail 738 and the Trail Lake area for winter time snowmobiling. These area's are historical riding area's from the mid 1970's when Diamond International use to plow the trout creek road open to access there land over in the cedars . When the road wasn't plowed snowmobilers would drive up trout creek as far as they could in the winter time and unload and ride to the stateline and access the heart lake, Pearl lake and Dalton lake and Upper Trio lake area by the stateline trail 738, they would also access the trail lake area by snowmobile. The Mountain Goats that are up there in the Heart Lake area in the summer time , migrate down to landowner Mtn. and the eagle rock area to winter there is an average snow fall of around 110 to 120 inches of snow fall up there on Hoodoo each year and thats way to much snow for the goats to move around in and there has never been any other conflicks with wildlife up there. Snowmobiling in the Heart Lake area doesn't destroy the wilderness character of the area when the snow melts our tracks are gone. Snowmobilers put money into the local economy in the town of Superior Mt. they travel from Idaho and Washington to ride the the Heart lake (Hoodoo Area) they buy there snowmobile gas and snacks from the local gas stations and eat in the local restraunts. As far as most people are concerened we have enough wilderness area's here in Montana, there are 15 wilderness area's in Montana and 11 of them are within about a 2 hr. drive of Missoula Montana....We have enough wilderness area's, we need more recreational motorized snowmobile area's. Look at the Fran Church River of no return.....Jet boats are allowed on the main snake river and there are primitive air strips in the Frank that are still being used by outfitters and guides today. No more large land lock ups....   Mike Gullette