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Comments: My comments are pro multiple use and primarily concern over snow vehicles. The area of greatest concern is the Great Burn area on the Montana/Idaho border, this area has historically been a favorite of snowmobile users due to its terrain and open areas. It should be reopened for over snow vehicles again in the interest of multiple use and the proven fact that over snow vehicles have the least impact on the backcountry. There is virtually no impact to wildlife in the backcountry due to the fact that there is no wildlife left when the snow gets too deep, they all migrate to lower elevations or windswept rocky exposures that are not compatible with over snow vehicles.

After years of study it's time to allow snowmobiling to continue in the backcountry of the Lolo NF. The importance to surrounding communities in regards to winter recreation dollars is huge. If it truly is the people's land then everyone should be allowed access to enjoy the beauty of the backcountry.

Wilderness and especially wilderness study areas cater to the elite few than can walk in or have horses, the Lolo NF should be open to everyone including over snow motorized recreation.