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Comments: My comments are being submitted from the perspective of a snowmobiler.

I began riding the Great Burn area in 1990. It is excellent hi-mountain riding. It has an abandon road and mine within its boundaries. I have never seen any critters, short of rabbits and squirrels, up there in the winter as the nature of the topography drives them out. I have never seen any winter recreationalists there besides snowmobilers.

While snowmobiles do make noise, it behooves the legendary question - "Does a tree make a sound when it falls if nobody is there to hear it?" The Great Burn offers some of the most remote and challenging riding in the area. The impact of this use is as minimal, if nonexistent, as any sport can be. Come springtime, as the snow melts, the wintertime historical usage disappears. Furthermore, I have seen wildlife utilize the snowmobile trails to migrate around lower elevation areas that otherwise would be more difficult for them to access.

As this travel plan process proceeds, I encourage those that are in the decision-making positions to consider how to best accommodate the largest number of potential users, while considering the overall impact of that use. Snowmobilers would be by far the largest users and they have virtually no impact on the area.