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Comments: My son and I have been snowmobiling and ATV riding in The Lolo National Forest for 15 years.

There is no detrimental environmental impact from snowmobiles. We have not seen any damage to the growth of young trees in previously clear-cut areas, in fact, they are maturing at an amazing growth rate. Likewise, we have observed that ATV and SxS riders stick to riding on roads and trails.

Please consider enlarging the riding access areas to include the Great Burn.

Over the years, we have always stopped to pick-up discarded cans, bottles and other trash and the Lolo National Forest has the fewest discards - a direct indication of the respect that visitors have for the forest. This appears to be a reflection of the culture of residents from the surrounding areas. We have ridden hundreds of miles in areas of the Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest and unfortunately, the amount of litter is much greater.

I thank you for this opportunity to submit my comments.