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Comments: I strongly support official wilderness designation of the Great Burn/Hoodoo proposed wilderness area, as well as the adjacent roadless areas. I would like to see the Lolo NF manage these areas as proposed wilderness areas, until they are officially designated. I support this designation, even though I can no longer carry a backpack. Wilderness designation is the best way to protect the wildlife in the area. It would be good to designate a buffer area around these roadless areas where motorized use is very limited. Allowing motorized use right up to wilderness borders encourages trespass by snowmobiles and motor bikes. There is a lot of snowmobile trespass into the proposed wilderness area right now, and I would like to see better enforcement of it, and also better coordination with management on the Idaho side of the Great Burn. Right now there seems to be a lot of confusion on the rules for proposed wilderness areas, which are supposed to be managed as wilderness until they are officially designated or released. Trails in the area cross back and forth along the state line, so management coordination between the two forests/states is critical for successful management.