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Hello-

Here is my comment for the Lolo's Draft Assessment.

The Lolo NF has world class motorcycle single track trails. Lolo pass to Haugan to Thompson Falls. I have ridden most of these trails and cleared many of them. Motorized trails and access must be preserved and protected. There has been a continual decline in motorized access over the last 40 years in the Lolo NF. Preserving motorized access and trails needs to be written into the Lolo Forest Plan. Motorized recreation is a legitimate use of our National Forest and must be protected.

Since the last forest plan in 1986, Congress has not taken action to designate new wilderness on any of Lolo's recommended wilderness areas. There is a really good chance Congress will never make these recommended wilderness areas actual wilderness. Therefore, snowmobile access should be allowed in recommended wilderness areas. Snowmobiles do not leave lasting marks or change the charter of an area. In fact, many of these proposed recommended wilderness areas had historical snowmobile access. That access needs to be returned.

Please let me know if you have received this comment. I did not receive confirmation back on the last comment I emailed on 5/12/23, which was during the previous comment period. Are my comments being reviewed and included into the forest plan?

Thank you,

Hank Adams