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Comments: The proposed closures of Dry Creek and Northwest Peaks is something that was previously debated in the Kootenai national forest. The dry creek area is out of the scotchman peaks proposed wilderness and the area that backcountry snowmobiles already have to avoid. NWP is not only motorized use area with trucks and cars accessing the highest elevations of the scenic area. The area is not a wilderness nor should it ever be. Over the snow travel is one of the least impactful uses the forest can see. I have been snowmobiling in the NWP scenic areas for 40 years a tradition that has no effect on the game fish or timber that is used for riding. I did it with my father and his father and my son does it with his. Stay away from all designated snow routes as far as I'm concerned we don't have enough as it is. The people have Lincoln County and the KNF have already spoken on this issue. Multiple use is the only way to run the PUBLIC'S FOREST. No more wilderness no more taking away of multiple use areas such as the proposal above.