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Comments: The proposed action to open 1,257,633 acres to cross country over-snow vehicle use.

Approximately

278,000 acres will be available for cross country travel from December 1 to March 31, and then approximately 979,000 acres will be available for cross country travel from December 1 to May 31, not only goes against the 2012 planning rules but it also contradicts the current travel management plan that is in place on the KNF. As an active user of these areas in the winter months, I do not support the USFS decision to change the dates of when certain areas are open. I also do not support the USFS decision to close areas such as Dry Ck. Snowmobiling is an important economic driver in these areas in the winter months. The closure of areas would have a significant negative impacts on local communities. There is little to no evidence showing that Over the snow use has any impact on grizzly bear denning sites.