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Comments: I find it hard to make an informed comment with the short time we've been given to review and digest the Kootenai National Forest Over-snow Motorized Use Travel Plan #64358. It would behoove the USFS to extend the comment period so everyone has time to educate themselves on the proposed plan.

The USFS needs to make available an overlapped map of the proposed grizzly/wolf/wolverine habitat. What areas combined is the USFS proposing to be protected habitat?

Nonetheless, I'm NOT in favor NOW or EVER, of any closures to riding areas or limiting the riding season on any historical or non-historical over-snow vehicle or year round access.

I've seen this before, a closure here, a closure there, and before you know it there is no place to go. In my opinion, this is just another form of control with the reason being "protected habitat" that is being used to take away our recreation areas.

There are already more than enough acres locked up in restrictive management, and the proposed closure of Dry Creek just because of it's proximity to wilderness is simply ridiculous!

Yellowstone National Park did a study on motorized users and the effects on big game wildlife and it showed no significant impact, so much so, that they ended the study early. This study should be used in response to the Kootenai plan.

If anything, the USFS needs to release more areas for us to recreate on. If there's enough snow that we can still be out recreating, most likely the wildlife are still denning as there is no food available to forage. As the above referenced study indicates, there is little impact, if any, on big game wildlife due to motorized users, therefore, I am not in favor of the proposed Kootenai National Forest Over-snow Motorized Use Travel Plan #64358.