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Comments: 1 : 30 days is not enough time to digest the information and make educated comments on the Preliminary Proposed Action. The USFS has had years to work on a plan and we are supposed to know it all in 30 days, unacceptable.

2 : The Missoulian newspaper should not be the paper of record for notifications on the Kootenai forest, the Missoulian isn't even circulated in Lincoln County, local papers in Lincoln County should be the papers of record.

3 : Local governments should have been involved in a prescoping process to discuss concerns about land management issues.

4 : In the cover letter the USFS claims to open 1.2 million acres of the Kootenai forest to over the snow vehicles (osv's), although not a false statement it is very misleading, osv's can probably only access approximately 15% of that acreage because of over forestation, to steep of terrain, and much of that acreage is low elevation terrain that doesn't get enough snow to ride in, please be more realistic with such statements.

5 : Osv's have been operating on the Kootenai forest for over 60 years without any documented conflicts with wildlife, all wildlife numbers are increasing or remaining stable. This is the real science that proves osv's have little to no effect on wildlife. We demand to see the science that proves otherwise. Please no probably's, no possibly's, and no maybes, just the facts.

6 : The USFS lists all roads and areas that are open to osv travel, you should list the roads and areas that are closed to osv travel, we could more accurately comment on a proposed closed area.

7 : Big game winter range areas are far too wide and broad, we really need to see the science that justifies proposed closers in these areas.

8 : Most of the areas that are proposed to be closed have NO discernible boundaries, how in the world is a rider able to know if they are in or out of bounds, it's a set up for failure.

9 : It is apparent that the USFS is creating " buffer " zones between differently managed areas, the proposed closers in the back areas of Weasel Lake is a 5b management area on the Kootenai forest to the boundary of the Flathead forest, there is no reason for a proposed closure. Even the courts have ruled that " buffer " zones are illegal.

10 : The Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club's proposal for osv travel in the greater Ten Lakes area is the endorsed plan by our state senator, the Lincoln County commissioners, the city of Eureka, and the Eureka Area Chamber of Commerce. The USFS should strongly recommend this plan as the proposed plan.