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My name is Kurt West, I am a third generation snowmobiler in Lincoln County and have been advocating for multiple use for 40 years through efforts with the community and local governments.

These are my comments on the proposed actions of the Kootenai National Forest Travel Management Plan

?1. The allotted comment period is far too short, there is not enough time to digest the information presented or lack of presented information, nor gather more knowledge about the topics at hand.

?2. The USFS staff at the Eureka Highschool meeting on July, 26 2023 had conflicting definitions of maps, times as well as dates. Therefore it is impossible to comment on these issues

?3. I have been on the USFS mailing list for at least 20 years, yet I have not been contacted concerning pre-map construct. As I have been a member of the Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club and own two local business I believe that NEPA requirements have not been met.

?4. The USFS has implemented 5a non motorized management across the forest without a travel plan in place. Examples being Williams Creek and Blacktail areas. This was site specific management in a forest plan, which is a breach of federal law. USFS knew this before implementing it in the 2015 Record of Decision.

?5. Site specific management for the KNF should have been advertised in many ways locally. I believe this failure to satisfy NEPA.

?6. USFS needs to refer back to the Collaborative effort for the North Lincoln County as I do not see the outcome of that document reflected on the maps presented at the Lincoln County Highschool Meeting.

?7. The USFS does not have the latitude to implement winter motorized closures, dates or restrictions within the Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area. This most certainly circumvents congressional designation and only congress has the ability to change dates, times and use within the WSA.

?8. This plan stresses about restrictions due to Conflicts between denning species and OSV users, I would like to see pure review science concerning that in the KNF. I require the data that suggests that there is a conflict before I can accurately comment on these issues because it is site specific for the KNF.

?9. The Lawsuit regarding the Montana Wilderness Association and the Kootenai National Forest USFS requires there to be a completed travel management plan for winter and summer use, this is not a mandate for restrictive management or closures within the forest.

?10. I need to see a status quo map of what we currently have open to OSV use in order to have reference to compare to.