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Comments: 1. All roads open to wheeled vehicles on the MVUM should be open to snowmobiles. I am a disabled snowmobiler and ride with a lot of older riders that are not able to venture off the roads. By closing some of these roads it greatly reduces areas for us and is discriminatory.

2. Road 337 (Basin Creek) in the three rivers area shows that it is not open to snowmobiles on the Yaak side. This road is regularly snowmobiled from the Yaak side and should be open. You cannot access any backcountry from this road.

3. Road SNO338 should extend all the way to the end of the road. This is a very popular snowmobile area and many people snowmobile to Hawkins Lake.

4. Almost all of the proposed backcountry open riding areas are completely inaccessible. In the three rivers area (Spread, Pete and Hellroaring), all of the historical backcountry riding areas are proposed closed. This will greatly reduce snowmobiling in the Yaak which will negatively affect the fragile Yaak economy.

5. I do support SNO748 being added as the only snow trail in the Yaak. I would like to see other snow trails added that are not open to wheeled vehicles.

In all this is a big reduction in snowmobiling areas. These reductions are unnecessary and will not benefit wildlife. These closures will also have a huge negative economic impact to the economy of Lincoln County.