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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Gaylon Owens. I am a 5th generation native of Northwest Montana and I strongly oppose the KNF Over-snow Motorized Use Travel Plan. No local ecological or biological studies are provided. Even the primary data sources (survey data and corporate datasets) used by the 'interdisciplinary team' to create the KNF OSV plan wasn't provided. Each one these areas that were screened should have their own individual report. Do these reports even exist? How many Montana natives were on the interdisciplinary team? I've been snowmobiling this part of the country for 15 years and I've never seen a grizzly, lynx, or wolverine. The only thing I've seen are wolves and other predators. All the special interest groups that have commented on this OSV have all spoke about how snowmobiling disrupts wildlife, damages trees, and harmful emissions which is all bullshit. They should be talking about the wildfire problem we have. As of writing this, wildfires have burned 652,223 acres in the US and 65,266 acres in Montana. How much wildlife habitat has been destroyed and carbon emissions released? Unfortunately, this is just another case where special interest groups are trying to restrict public land use. It doesn't just affect us but future generations to come.