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Comments: These proposed closures are not serving any beneficial environmental protections and are basically just acquiescing to the wilderness folks who don't like snowmobiles. The wilderness folks don't even use the wilderness in winter, other than on skis, maybe. They have their own recreation area in the Olney forest area. Used to be just snowmobilers were active in that area until a private business bought a lease with the forest service and took our nice single track trails and made them a highway for their groomer. (You're welcome) We live in a huge state with lots of recreation areas. The winter recreation in the Ten Lakes area is and has been enjoyed by hundreds of people for generations. There is no logical reason to diminish this playground with wilderness area. Will they EVER visit this area? If it does happen, the wilderness folks will have bragging rights that they accomplished keeping Montanans out of playing in this part of Montana. Bragging rights; is that worth it? I think not.