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Comments: Backcountry Sled Patriots represents approx 4000 back country snowmobilers. We object to the preferred alternative, not on the basis that it allows summer motorized access to Fish lake , but on the basis that it restricts snowmobile access to the very same area on the very same trail.

Snowmobiling was prohibited on all areas of the Great Burn RWA "to minimize impact to wilderness character".

Using that rationale how does motorized access in the summer not cause the same perceived impact?

The other rationale put forth states "snowmobiles were prohibited to minimize wildlife and habitat disturbance".

Yet somehow the conclusion is summer motorized does not cause the same disturbance. Going further, there is much more wildlife in that area in the summer than in the winter.

What is being created in this draft SEIS is a double standard allowing summer users who do not want to hike 2.7 miles into Fish Lake to use motorized transportation within the RWA to go camping/hiking yet claiming snowmobile access over the very same trail to the very same destination will cause all sorts of environmental mayhem.

It is not the role of the Forest Service to shape public land management into its own image.

Fish Lake is a desirable destination for snowmobilers who are not up to the challenge of more technical riding terrain.

Backcountry Sled Patriots proposes an alternative: Cherry stem the route to Fish Lake and take that very small acreage out of the RWA. Thus allowing both winter and summer motorized use on the same route. Fair, equitable, and the right thing to do.