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Comments: Hello, thank you for taking the time to carefully consider the impact that OSVs will have on the forest. As a student who hopes that places like Kootenai National Forest remain for our younger and future generations, I think it is critically important that we continue to holistically evaluate the full scope of the potential damage that human activities cause to wildlife.

Upon reading the proposed action plan, I was excited to see that bear denning habitat was given special consideration with the early closure of much of the open OSV trails. However, I am concerned that there will not be any way to enforce the early closure of some areas and not others. Looking at the proposed management map, it seems like much of the bear denning habitat is mixed closely with trails that will be open through May. Especially in areas with ungroomed trails, how are snowmobilers expected to avoid the "closed" areas? With the interconnectivity of the two types of land, I can imagine that it would be easy for even a well-intentioned OSV user to accidentally enter the habitat that we are attempting to protect. Furthermore, I saw little research about the impact of noise pollution from OSVs on animal habitats in the proposed action plan. To fully ensure that bear dens are protected from the negative effects of OSV use, I think that further research on the potential impact of OSV noise on bears is warranted. If OSV noise is significant enough to cause concern, I would hope that the trails that are designated to be open through May are reassessed to ensure minimal impact. Whether it requires limiting March-May OSV use to only groomed trails, closing off full sections of the forest that have high denning habitat, or adding increased signage and enforcement measures, I think there is a clear need for more thorough ways of enforcing this denning habitat protection plan.