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Comments: While I support the increased access and recreation in the KNF with this OVS travel plan, I believe it doesn't take into account either the effects of having access into denning habitat while dens are occupied, or the necessary boundary marking to signify where OSV area begins and ends.

While there is certain overlap in preferable terrain for OSV exploration/recreation and grizzly denning habitat, I believe the Scoping packet does into adequately address potential side effects to opening these areas while dens are occupied. While grizzlies hibernate in these dens, they are largely unbothered by the outside world. This, however, could change with the frequent humming and whining of snow mobiles around there denning sites. This could have the potential to create dangerous encounters between OSV users and agitated grizzlies.

Another potential issue I see arising out of the proposal is the inability to distinguish denning, OSV allowed, and private lands from one another. While it would be simple enough to place signs along groomed trails signifying whether or not OSV use is allowed in an area, off trail use is a much more complicated issue. Being unable to distinguish private from public property while using an OSV, especially when several feet of snow are likely to hide any sort of fencing, could lead to lawsuits against the KNF and prosecution against any potential OSV users. There also arises the problem s of being unable to determine OSV area from denning areas once the open season for OSV use has ended. Being unable to determine where denning area is while grizzlies with their newborn cubs are emerging from dens, very hungry, dangerous situations have a potential to arise.