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Comments: After reading the Over-snow Motorized Use Travel Plan and reviewing the map, I had a few questions arise. I specifically focused on the area near the lower 228 marker (both the OSV area and protected area) along Lake Koocanusa. As there is the Forest Service Road 228 that cuts through both the boundaries and OSV open areas, what is the plan to monitor the boundaries? Without enforcement, you would be solely relying on honor code and people following the rules. The area is too large to have arbitrary boundaries and no enforcement of them.
If obvious boundaries were implemented, it would make it easier for people to follow the rules. But if this were to be implemented, then the next problem that would arise would be how to implement these boundaries. You would have to make the boundaries both easy to see and easy for people to follow.
For example, along the area near the lower 228 marker, the permitted OSV area harshly cuts off before the protected area. How is that barrier supposed to be regulated? And how are people going to know where the boundaries are? If signs are to be put up to distinguish these areas, how are you going to make sure that they have no environmental impact?
Although this area is near a road, which makes it easily accessible, do we know that this is an area that people will want to recreate in? How is it decided that this area, but not the one above it, should be used for recreational purposes? When designing this plan, it is important to take into account that the focus should be on allotting areas for OSV use that people will want to recreate in. You don't want to be allotting all of this land for OSV use that people will not want to recreate in, which may force them to end up recreating in the protected areas. Especially since the protected areas will not even be regulated and the boundaries won't be enforced.