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Comments: I oppose the Kootenai National Forest Over-snow Motorized Use Travel Plan.

Grizzly bears have only continued to grow in number despite current over snow motorized use. There is no evidence to suggest that over snow motorized use does cause harm, but that in fact it is merely a social issue (White, Davis, & Troy 2005).

This plan leads the public to believe access is being created, when in fact it is being reduced by nearly 650,000 acres. The public should visually be shown that this plan reduces current access and does not create access as it portrays. This plan should be rescinded until maps showing the current areas accessible to over snow vehicle use are provided.

This plan hinders access to public lands by legal hunters, trappers, and hounds men who are all stewards of that land. Removing access to public lands becomes a slippery slope and the wildlife who will truly be effected by this plan will be the ungulates. Predator management is an important factor in an ecosystem, especially one that humans are a part of. This plan extremely limits the ability to manage predators and continue to bolster the ungulate population which is under objective throughout the region.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.