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Subject: Comment Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision

Hello-

Here is my comment for the Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision, draft wild and scenic rivers inventory, outstandingly remarkable values framework, and draft wilderness inventory.

Thank you for all of the work and public engagement going into to this Lolo forest plan. I enjoy many of the wilderness areas currently in the Lolo National Forest. Wilderness is great, but it has extremely restrictive rules and a very narrow scope for how it can be used and managed. Congress has already established ample wilderness areas in the Lolo. Most of the proposed recommended wilderness on this map is nothing close to wilderness and should not be recommended as such. Many of these Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRA), contrary to the name, have roads through them. Many of these IRAs are covered in motorized, multi-use trails and are also open to snowmobiles. There are many great mountain biking trails in these areas as well. I have also cleared a number of these trails with a chainsaw. I enjoy all of these forms of recreation, none of which are allowed in wilderness areas. Motorized and mechanized recreation are legitimate uses of the forest and access must be protected for these uses. Areas in the Great Burn that had historical snowmobile access should be reopened. It is just plain wrong to close motorized access to an area and then try to recommend it as wilderness. Motorized and mechanized recreation are popular and growing. More effort should be put into improving, enhancing, and expanding multi-use recreation.

Please let me know that you received this comment.

Thank you,

Hank