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Comments:

While we are certainly appreciative of the decision to reduce the size of the Great Burn RWA that now allows snowmobiling in the "Hoodoo" and Williams Lake/Blacklead Mtn. areas, the rationale to leave the remaining RWA area closed to snowmobiling is inconsistent with the 2012 Forest Planning Rules.

219.10 multiple Use (10)(b)(iv) ....management of areas recommended for wilderness designation to protect and maintain the ecological and social characteristics that provide the basis for their suitability for wilderness designation.

Snowmobiling activity does not impair the ecological and social characteristics of the RWA. It is the least impactful form of any back country recreation, motorized or non-motorized. There are no social conflicts.

The majority of the RWA is not accessible by snowmobile however the areas known as "Surveyor" and the Fish Lake area are snowmobile accessible. The ROD allows summer motorized access within the RWA to Fish Lake, yet closed to snowmobiling. This seems to be a contradiction of terms.

Please reconsider allowing snowmobile access in the areas noted above.

Thank you.