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Comments: Thanks for including the public in the planning process and reviewing my objection. I submitted a comment earlier in the process largely in favor of protecting recommended wilderness in the Hoodoo Roadless Area.

I'm alarmed by your preferred alternative's prioritization of winter motorized recreation over wildlife habitat in the Hoodoo Roadless Area.

The preferred alternative eliminates recommended wilderness protections in some of the Hoodoo Roadless Area's most important mountain goat and wolverine habitat. If the preferred alternative is adopted, the resulting increase in snowmobile traffic in these areas will run these species out. I know it's the agency's job to balance uses, but this can be done across the entire Forest. In this one special place that happens to meet the ecological criteria to sustain both the threatened wolverine and a dwindling herd of mountain goats, should we really prioritize one niche recreation activity?

Furthermore, snowmobile trespass in the Great Burn has been a known issue for years. These trespassers have longed thumbed their nose at the agency and gone wherever they wished - are we really going to reward their blatant disrespect by codifying the scene of the crime as their new playground?

In addition to harming wolverines and mountain goats, the preferred alternative will only further embolden snowmobilers to break the law. Why follow the rules when you can point to illegally established use in an area as future evidence in support of permitting it?

Please, keep the entire 150,000+ acres of the Great Burn as recommended wilderness. And add tangible wildlife standards to help protect the mountain goats and wolverines who call the area home.

Thanks for considering my input,