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Comments: The decision to reduce the size of the Great Burn RWA is a necessary first step in prudent land management. Allowing snowmobiling in the "Hoodoo" and Williams Lake/Blacklead Mtn. areas, while leaving the remaining RWA area closed to snowmobiling makes little sense and is inconsistent with prior Forest Planning Rules.

To quote 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".

Management of the Great Burn RWA as a wilderness area has been a heated issue for years. The fact that congress has been unable to designate it as wilderness lends credence to the argument that it is not a suitable candidate for that designation.

The only way I can access the area and enjoy it is snowmobiling. This activity does not impair the ecological and social characteristics of the RWA. It is in fact the least impactful form of any back country recreation, motorized or non-motorized.

The majority of the RWA is not designated as being 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 it is closed to snowmobiling. This seems to be a contradiction of terms.

Please reconsider allowing snowmobile access in these areas.