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Comments: I live in Stevensville MT and have not commented before on the proposed plan for the Great Burn which even in my 70's I have hiked and am so grateful for this wild and scenic area. I am so concerned that 40,000 acres are being carved out of the wilderness proposal.

Why does the Nez Perce National Forest think allowing motorized use in a recommended, roadless area is a good idea? The snowmobilers that have for way too long unlawfully invaded this area need to go elsewhere. The Great Burn is so special for so many reasons and is a truly wild place that needs full protection. The Forest Service needs to uphold the law and say, "No More Access" and monitor the area in the future. Why are two small user groups gaining legal access to 40,000 acres of land owned by the US public? Ask, if given this much land to recreate will they demand more access to new areas in the future? Yes, they will create new bike trails in summer and explore more winter areas on snowmobiles. Protected and other species need the quiet of winter when starvation can be their greatest challenge.

There are 7,700 miles of NFS roads in Idaho open to vehicles and Montana offers 32,000 miles of FS roads.

These groups should buy each states NFS maps to find a legal place to recreate. Their selfish needs are not the responsibility of others, a majority that demand permanent protection of The Great Burn.

Thank you for considering my objection.