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Comments: I would like to object to the Granite-Goose Landscape Restoration project. After reading what the project is claiming to do I feel this will ruin our way of living in this area. Shutting down our livelihood of where I grew up and live is not what Idaho is about. Our freedom to "our" forest service is slowly being taken away by this forest service whose job is to manage our forests but for many years they have been shutting us out of "our" forests. More and more roads are being shut down limiting us to enjoy "our" forests. I am actively in our forests a few times per week as my property borders this forest. I mushroom, hike, pick huckleberries, hunt, get firewood, among many other things in this forest. I live off Wallace lane and they have been logging that area for a few years. Then the forest services goes in and burns the forest up each spring and fall causing breathing problems when we need windows open to cool off the house. For the past 3 years their "prescribed burns" have created an eyesore to so many areas I enjoy near my home. Black suet is on so many trees because their prescribed burns have burned the trunks of healthy trees that will die within a few years causing more dead fall. I have not seen the forest service manage anything in the forest little lone preserve the natural beauty of our forest.

This project will shut the public out of so many areas with the closure of roads. I would like to know how you think that banning snowmobiles in this area will preserve the forest. Snowmobiles do not cease any changes in our environment after the snow melts. Yet, some of the money is going to expand Titus parking lot. If you ban the area for snowmobiles why would the parking lot need to be expanded?

After reading this project I feel Brundage is behind trying to reduce the amount of snowmobiles in the area so they can focus on their 350 new homes being built in the area and their skiers. Therefore they can promote the ski area without controversy of snowmobiles in the area.

I object this project as it does not conform with being a insightful project for anybody but spending tax payers money for the forest service to ruin our Playland which is our forest.