Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/19/2024 2:45:25 AM First name: Jens Last name: Tapio Organization: Title: Comments: Dear Payette NFS,

I would like to comment on the proposed ban of snowmobiling on the granite landscape. There is currently a seasonal ban to protect backcountry skiing opportunities within the granite area. With the intent of this project being to help mitigate wildfire, the proposed ban of snowmobiles has no positive effect on the wildfire mitigation. Idaho has a rich history of recreation, and snowmobiling has been a sport enjoyed by many people over the years and is growing in popularity each year. This proposal would limit the availability of public lands for snowmobilers to recreate. Would it be possible for the NFS to further explain the reason for the ban? Security of public land and area for snowmobilers to recreate is something I sincerely want to maintain and is important for our future generations!

I respectfully oppose the proposed closure

Respectfully,

Jens Tapio