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Comments: My Wife Pam and I built our house in Rock Flat in 1974. We have hiked to just about every mountain lake in the Brundage, Granite, Slab Butte, Hard Butte area for the last 50 years. I managed the Little Ski Hill in 1974. Our passion moved to snowmobiles because we could see so much of the area that we would not ordinarily see. I am now 74 and have 2 sons , 34 and 24 as well as grandkids. My sons grew up riding Granite Mountain and Slab Butte areas and I would like to think my grandsons will also be able to. Late season riding is our favorite and the longest lasting snow is on Granite Mountain. We wait until the skiers are done April 1 and then have the Mountain until the snow is gone. What purpose would it serve to disallow us this pleasure by closing it to us year around? Please re-consider this over snow closure, it means a lot to us and it is unused by others. We love the forrest and at my age motorized vehicles are my only option.

Since We no longer have the Wilks Bros property to ride or Sunflower Flat there are more riders funneled into the forrest, they need more riding area, not less.

Our subdivision now has only one drive out trail connection which runs from privare property on the South to the Ecks Flat road right where the new parking is proposed. It is on FS property, I don't see a trail number on the map, but last year it had a tank trap dug across the end that intersects Ecks Flat Road. Please keep this access open for us and our neighbors so we don't have to add more congestion at the parking lots

Our family has invested over 50 years in our home and having access to forrest lands is central to it.

I am pleased to see some thinning and forrest floor cleanup in your plans, I have wanted to see that for years.

I have ridden my trail dirtbike to Twin Lakes on Granite Mountain, Rainbow Lake on Hard Butte, and would like to think that type of use would be available for others as well.