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Comments: As a property owner in the Bear Basin area and full-time resident, I am commenting regarding my concerns to winter motorized travel access in and around the west side of McCall. Between West Face lot and Green Gate there are over six miles of some of the most densely populated areas of the city. McCall city code allows for on-road travel for property owners to their nearest access point (5-6-350) With Bear Basin Rd/Old Brundage Rd no longer being an "access point" this has led to significant trespass on both private property and non-motorized areas as riders find themselves trying to make their way to public lands. It is my belief that further reinforcing this closure without providing a legal path, such as a route through the "proposed Bear Basin winter motorized closure area", many will continue to venture deeper into private property and non-motorized areas in search of access--and I can't blame them. It is clear that there is a need and demand for access in this area and furthermore, that no one entity has the resources to patrol these areas, so I believe the best option is to clearly define the boundaries while providing a legal route to access these lands. These access points will only become more important as development of the west side of McCall increases.

Give them/us legal access points to our public lands, or don't be surprised when they track up non-motorized terrain and or private property as they find their way back there.

Closures like these only penalize law abiding citizens, those that don't respect or understand the need for separate recreation spaces will not be affected.