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Comments: Your proposed closure of the Granite/ Goose project is an exclusive useage plan that goes against your own verbiage of improving recreation. You propose a year round closure to all motorized users. The improvements to vegetation and fuel management are achievable while still allowing the motorized public to use these areas. When this closure was mentioned in the long standing Winter Recreation Collaborative there was not a single group supporting or needing this closure for the private useage of Cat Skiing by Brundage. The need for multi use public lands is growing as the user groups find this region. With limited access points and parking areas many motorized users are limited to their distances available to access. With the acceptance of the Brundage long range development plan any action on Granite and the east side of Brundage Mtn. Should be considered as a whole as it looks to move public use out of their permitted areas further restricting motorized users access to public lands. As experienced this year the closure on Granite has made that area closed to all users and to expand that time period for exclusive use goes against public land use.

I support a no net loss of public land for user groups. Exclusivity provokes emotional reactions by those prevented from use of something they had a right to . A return to a balanced forestry plan including logging and designing public access roads and paths can protect the land and drainages while providing access to all user groups. Balance vs. exclusivity is much more manageable also as there is little chance law enforcement can reasonably enforce a closure in this size an area.