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Comments: I strongly OPPOSE this proposed plan. The backcountry should be for EVERYONE who lives here and also visits the awesome area of Idaho. I do not see any reasoning behind closing out the snowmobilers and off-roaders from a section(s) of these mountains and providing more for skiers. For one, the current areas that are shut down to motorized vehicles currently, I have never seen even one skier or tracks of any ski/snowboard for majority of the time. If any tracks or individuals have been seen in my experience, along with many others, there are less tracks/people than even just a very small group. There are nowhere that snowmobilers are aloud to go that is closed down to skiers and snowboarders only when there is already plenty of area closed down to snowmobilers. Why not share the mountains the way it should be? The snowmobilers have been a proven factor to contributing to the revenue of the county. People travel from all over the country with expensive taste, toys, vehicles, trailers and all just to come ride snowmobiles for a weekend. The more areas of mountains that are closed off will affect the decisions much more of vacationers than many think. Taking away more riding zones from a certain group of individuals is not only unfair but will also affect the numbers of individuals coming to enjoy our amazing area as well as the locals who have been here for their whole lives. Why not share the forest!