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Comments: Questions to drive alternatives or additional analysis to refute arbitrary and capricious decisions:

What is different about the Granite Mountain closure area that increases the incursions over the cat ski area North of Brundage Reservoir?

What impacts have caused the closure of the Granite Mountain area and not the Brundage Reservoir area?

Is Brundage Mountain Resort requesting the year-around closure to the area, if not why is the closure being proposed?

What effects would occur if the Granite Mountain closure was removed? What analysis has occurred to support that full closure is more effective at reducing incursions than removal of the closure completely?

What makes Granite Mountain less safe for cat ski operations than the Brundage Reservoir zone and hence in need of a closure to motorized use to support cat ski operations?

How many non-motorized users utilize Granite Mountain due to the snowmobile exclusion versus the Brundage Reservoir zone?

What is the carrying capacity of the Cat Ski area of Brundage Reservoir and Granite Mountain and how many cat ski users are currently using the area?

What is the distribution of cat ski use on Granite Mountain vs the Brundage Reservoir zone?