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Comments: Hello

I would like to thank the many people of the community for their input and the hard work of the Forest Service for creating the proposal for the future protection of the Bear Basin area.

With it's close location to the major population area of Valley County Bear Basin is being loved to death. I have worked and recreated in Bear Basin for many years and have seen the erosion mostly along the abandoned logging roads that inadvertently lure motorized vehicles into the heart of Bear Basin. Signage has not stopped these incursion and the only way to save Bear Basin is to clearly close the major roads to the public. This is the only way to make it clear that motorized use off road is not allowed.

The new boundary created by Granite Goose Project will make the winter use area much clearer and will lower unnecessary conflict. Signage along clear boundaries will help all users understand what is open and what is not. Most conflict seem to occur with people who accidentally ventured in to the Nordic ski area. With that said I also support open motorized access along the west and south boundaries. The 150 ft. from the forest boundary along the west is logical. Along the south 50 ft. from the boundary of the forest is a better. More that 50 ft. will bring the motorized and non-motorized use to close to each other.

Thank you

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