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Comments: Full seasonal closure of the Granite mountain area appears to be biased toward for profit cat ski operators and ski touring on public lands. The existing partial seasonal closure is stinging in its blatant favoritism toward one user group. But the full season closure is an apparent attempt to monopolize the whole of Granite Mtn area for the exclusive use of cat ski operations. This is neither in the spirit of public land nor in the concept of shared use.

The closure of the Bear Basin to motorized traffic is again a blatant attempt to manage by closure. It is always easier to close the area to multi use than to manage for different user activities. I would advocate for the USFS to not take the easy road and just close areas to avoid user conflicts but instead engage user groups to find equitable solutions to resolve conflicts.