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Comments: i would like to comment on the possible permanent closure for part of granite mountain. right now, since the winter travel plan was 'not accepted' by the odgen regional office years ago and the f.s. supervisor suzanne rainville decided not to analyze the one section that was thrown out, the forest service has had to do a special order every year for a temporary closure of a part of granite mountain for non-motorized users. this area, in addition to more of granite, was in the winter travel plan that was rejected by the regional office. if this becomes a permanent closure, the f.s. will not have to spend the energy and money on a special order for this area every year.

motorized users have access in the payette national forest to over 1 million acres to play in, those acres open to all. both non-motorized and motorized users have significantly increased in our forests for recreation. with the advanced technology and extreme power of snowmobiles and snowbikes in recent years, areas where back country skiers and boarders can recreate has greatly diminished. the 2 users (motorized and non-motorized) are not compatible. with the year round granite closure, hopefully within a couple years the motorized community will be educated that there is a closed area and there won't be the continuing confusion of partial dates open/closed.

it will also provide an open area specifically designated for non-motorized recreationists.