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Comments: Please significantly reduce the excessive size of the motorized buffer along Morrell Mountain Lookout Road (FR 4365) to protect non-motorized access to this terrain near one of our very few backcountry yurts in this range.

I support the designation of a Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized setting for our favorite local spots at Lolo Pass, Hoodoo Pass, Saint Regis Basin, Wisherd Ridge, Marshall Mountain, and Morrel Mountain. These popular areas provide opportunities for accessible human-powered backcountry skiing/riding day trips on public lands. I go up to Morrel Mountain most years to backcountry ski and there are already a lot of snowmobiles. Sometimes these cause conflicts with skiers and can make skiing dangerous.

Please restrict motorized access into the Crystal Amphitheater on Lolo Pass, which is heavily used by the backcountry ski and snowboard community. I oppose FS 16675 as a Semi-Primitive Motorized setting. Please consider it as a Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized setting to prevent snowmobile conflict and trespass into this beloved ski area. That area has some of the only beginner-friendly backcountry skiing with reliable snow that is close to Missoula. It would be a true loss for skiers to have that area opened to snowmobiles. So much of the other accessible terrain around that area is already snowmobile friendly, but I do not feel safe skiing there with my dogs.

Please restrict motorized access into Saint Regis Basin. I oppose FS 18591 as a Semi-Primitive Motorized setting. Please consider it as a Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized setting to lessen snowmobile conflict.

Thank you for all that you do for our public lands and recreation!!