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Comments: I am writing as a backcountry ski user in Lolo national forest. One of the great things that the Lolo pass area offers is generally safe, accessible, and fun backcountry ski terrain. Allowing motorized use on FS 16675 would greatly diminish the quality and safety of skiing in this area, an area that is ideal for those newer to human-powered backcountry skiing (I learned to backcountry ski in this area). 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.

I also 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.