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Comments: After reading and looking at the maps and for snowmobiling I have found several areas are being blocked off to motorized access during the winter. Particularly the ridge tops in many areas.

These areas are prime off trail routes and other trails are my concern.

Proposed non-motorized areas that I don't agree with:

Off road snowmobile trails above the warming hut in Lolo pass area to the what is known as the big rock are proposed to be blocked. This is a destination high point above Granite Lake and overlooks Skookum lookout and Elk Meadows.

Skookum lookout is being blocked off.

According to the winter map the Elk Meadows road from US 12 passes through a non-motorized section about 1.5 miles from the highway. This has always been an access route to Elk meadows.

There are many other roads in in the Lolo pass area in the proposal that are being made non-motorized during the winter.

The ridge between US 12 and the Granite Creek / pass road is being made non-motorized. This is also a snowmobile play area.

There are many areas in the Gold Creek area that are proposed winter non-motorized. The road and then trail to the Gold Creek Cabin cannot be reached.

Trail 513 from Sheep Mountain road to Shoo Fly Meadows is being proposed non-motorized.

Many of the roads that are traveled in the winter time are in the non-motorized proposal and don't make any sense. These roads go to some areas on the map that are indicated motorized. How are the motorized area to be used.

In the Seeley Lake / Gold Creek area the ridge between Gold Peak and Black Mountain is being made nonmotorized. This an off trail snowmobile route used to go from Gold Creek over the saddle and down the ridge to the warming hut onto the proposed groomed trail from Seeley to Gold Creek.

In the Seeley Lake area, the proposals take away a hug snowmobile trail and play area north of Mount Henry to Lake Dinah along Marshall Creek.

These area a few area that I could figure out from the maps. To find square mile area to comment on a person needs 2 to 3 different maps.

I feel the proposals are over reaching and will not accomplish what is trying to be achieved. At this time nothing should be done and continue with the current policy.