

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/28/2024 3:24:12 AM

First name: MICHAEL

Last name: GULLETTE

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Hoodoo Pass Montana side.....I support adjusting the RWA boundary for Heart Lake, Pearl Lake, Dalton Lake and the upper Trio lake so that historical snowmobile use can continue in these area's.

Snowmobilers have been using this area sense the mid 1970's and its a vital part of the town of Superiors winter economy snowmobilers travel from all around to ride this area. People like the solitude and scenery and the back country experience this place has to offer. We never see any wildlife up there cause the snow gets to deep for them to move around in the winter time. The Mountain goats that are there in the summer time migrate down to landowner mtn. or the eagle rock area to winter. When the snow melts away our tracks disappear and snowmobiling doesn't ruin the wilderness character of the area. There's a place in the north fork of fish creek called the bull pen where the outfitters use to put out salt blocks for the elk, then the goats found it and kinda made it there home, they wouldn't leave this area unit the outfitters gave back there guiding permitts and then Greg Munther burned down one of the historical cabins that the outfitters use to use. Thats when they moved over to Heart Lake and Pearl lake because people were peeing on the ground and there's salt in the pee. You can't say that these area's Heart Lake and Pearl Lake and the upper Trio Lake are pristine area's cause there not these area's all have been touched my motorized recreation. Back in the days of Diamond International saw mill there at Superior the people working at the mill were all riding there snowmobiles at the lakes and in the summer time riding there motorbikes out on the stateline to access the lakes the stateline trail is an old cat trail from a fire and yes people were driving jeeps , motorbikes out on the stateline to access the lakes and even riding motorbike up the heart lake trail. (until about 1983 when they ran the motorbikes out) The Heart Lake trail has bridges and colverts in the trail and the trail is cleaned out with a chainsaw and saw marks of sawed off stumps. Were not asking to open it up for motorbikes or Jeeps.....just snowmobiles in the winter time. People like Rick Parker and Alonzo Crawford are some of the original rides that were snowmobiling in the Heart Lake and Pear Lake and upper Trio area back in the mid 1970's. Mike Gulette