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Comments: Hello Lolo National Forest- I appreciate the time and effort your team puts into revising forest plans. As an avid, backcountry skier a couple things caught my attention that I wanted to share with you. there are a few spots that are important to me that have been non-motorized for the 25 years. I've been back country skiing in Western Montana and the new plan has those as mixed use.

I believe it's important to have areas that are designated non-motorized, as well as motorized. There are very few places in western Montana or access to skiing. Back country is relatively easy and Lolo Pass is one of those. additionally, the changes to Saint Regis basin would also impact the access and equity for non-motorized use. Therefore....

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.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you!