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Comments: Hello - My name is Michael Savasuk and I have lived in Missoula for close to a decade now. I own a business in Missoula and have been training mountain athletes, including backcountry skiers and snowboarders, for a long time now. Crystal Amphitheater is my favorite zone down around Lolo pass. One of which I consider a real gem for Montana. As many backcountry skiers in Western Montana know, accessible and safe zones around our home are few and far between. Most of the better lines require a great amount of effort and time. I'd very much like to voice my preference to keep this zone clear of motor vehicles. I appreciate that everyone should be able to enjoy the Montana outdoors, however, if you spend an hour at the Lolo pass visitor center parking lot on a weekend, you may know why I feel this way. Allowing motor vehicles, especially snowmobiles, better access to our treasured zones can ruin the entire experience of not only skiing but the outdoor experience overall. I feel there is plenty of available access to those populations in that region without needing to expand on it. In fact, I think it could lead to the environmental degradation of the terrain itself if there's too much traffic to the back bowls/gulley's. I hope there's enough people voicing the same opinion, because it would be very unfortunate to lose this type of Montana experience to individuals who would likely not know the difference of the terrain they already have access to. I would be very happy to discuss further, and having spoken to a fairly large number of my clientele about this issue, I know my opinions are shared.