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Comments: Hi my name is Todd Glew and I love ski touring and snow mobiling. My background is working as an avalanche forecaster for the WCMAC and the Utah Avalanche Center and as a mountain guide for about two decades. I currently own a landscape company in Missoula and have stepped away from guiding and forecasting because I now have two small children aged 1 and 3. I have lived in Missoula for about 6 years now and frequent the areas that are going to possibly have motorized access. Even though I love snow mobling, I highly discourage expanding access in the proposed areas. Lolo Pass in particular is one of the easiest places for people to access for ski touring. It would be a total shame if we had to compete for fresh powder with snow mobiles. If they allowed snow mobling in the proposed areas this would shut down easy access ski touring for the community at large. I would be really sad if I don't have easy access ski touring for my children when they are a little older. I would also be super dissapointed if I cannot enjoy a short ski tour with my wife in our cramped schedule with children. There is so much terrain already available for snow mobiles and to expand access into our small easily accessible would be terrible for so many people. Sure there is a ton of ski terrain where snow mobiles cannot go but the problem is the average person cannot get there. Skiing in the Central Bitterroot in say Bass Creek is an all day ordeal that not many people can handle. Please for the love of God do not open up more access for snow moblies, that would ruin ski touring for so so many people. Thanks, Todd