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Comments: I love to ski up at Lolo Pass on the many beautiful areas. The vast majority of the forest is open to snowmobiles, and we only have a few accessible locations where we can ski without motorized traffic as well. The backcountry ski and snowboard makes heavy use of places like Crystal Ampitheater on Lolo Pass and the Saint Regis basin. Please restrict motorized access into these locations. I oppose FS 16675 and FS 18591 as a Semi-Primitive Motorized setting. I ask that you consider these locations as Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized settings to prevent snowmobile conflict and safeguard this highly valued ski area.

Again, I fully understand the multiple use mandate that y'all have. However, backcountry ski quality is greatly reduced when there is also access to motorized equipment--think of it like bicyclists having to share the road with cars, it's fundamentally different than a designated biking/walking path. Most of the forest is open to snowmobilers; we ask that you keep just a tiny fraction of the forest designated for only non-motorized recreation. Thank you!