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Comments: I would hope that this proposed forest plan revision would address the need to open more areas to all types of recreation. It seems that every time the USFS revises or proposes a plan the net result is additional closures to the public, restricting open roads, over snow vehicles, mountain bikes or motorized access. If it truly is public land the plan should be to make access more available not less.

Inventoried Roadless Areas need to be reassessed and when appropriate returned to general forest designation so they actually might have some value to the public. Logging, mining, recreation and other use would make these lands more valuable to the public domain. As IRA's they are illegally managed as defacto wilderness which caters to a very few elitist members of the public.

Oversnow vehicles do no harm to the environment, when the snow melts any evidence of their presence disappears. Study after study proves that they do not disturb wildlife that may exist in the high country above snow line. This country is mostly uninhabitable by ungulates and most predators seek lower elevations that provide better hunting. Leaving current areas open and opening additional closed areas makes sense economically and environmentally.

I would hope that maps for the proposed action in the future will be more accurate than those presented so far.