Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/1/2024 5:32:24 PM First name: erik Last name: durham Organization: Title: Comments: Hello, to whom it may concern I would like my input and value to be considered for the Lolo National Forest Plan.

My family and I have been involved in outdoor recreation our entire lives. Our ability to enjoy Montana's lands for winter recreation, summer activities, hunting, fishing and camping is the foundation of my families upbringing. Utilizing our freedom to access the backcountry has shown myself and carried on through my children. Reminding us that we have so much more in this world then the day to day work grind, electronic technology and condensed living.

Since my childhood I have been an avid winter recreationist. My father told me snowmobiling access has into the backcountry of Hoodoo Basin has been open since 1970 or possibly longer. Reviewing the current proposed plan would remove those memories and privileges from us. I do NOT agree with the current proposal and feel if the Idaho side is open to recreation then why shouldn't the Montana side be as well? I do NOT support the draft for Lolo National Forest because it would land lock many areas restricting our access and freedom of Public Lands which we the people own as tax payers and residents of the state.

From my understanding the closer to winter recreation is due to habitat for the animals which I respect very. Yet, I will confidently and strongly state I have not seen mountain goats, elk, wolves or animal hibernation in these areas during my many years or winter recreation. If we are going to conduct a study to show validation of evidence, then those whom use these areas for winter travel should be some of those who would know what activity is actually taking place.

I would like to propose and see the boundary adjustment open to include Hart Lake, Pearl Lake, Dalton Lake, and Upper Trio Lake.

I thank you for any consideration of my input towards the current National Forest proposal.