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Comments: To whom it may concern

I am writing with comments about the proposed actions and rewrite of the Forest Plan for the Lolo National Forest.

Great Burn area

This area is one of the largest roadless and recommended Wilderness areas which has been managed as a wilderness area for years. It should remain so. These tracts of untouched ecosystems are ecologically vital and are contiguous habitat for mountain goats, wolverines, Canada Lynx, grizzly bears and other wildlife. Shrinking this wild area would have lasting consequences and currently it lacks permanent protections. Please do not open it up to snowmobiling or mountain biking which will threaten this unique place. And please do not appease those snowmobilers who have been using it illegally for years. The mountain bike community is incredibly anxious to use this area as well and having them on the trails is damaging to the landscape and hazardous to people and wildlife. Both of these activities would change the wild character of the area forever.

Rattlesnake National Recreation area

Give the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area its own Management Area and keep all the standards from the 1986 Lolo NF Plan and the 1992 Rattlesnake Limits of Acceptable Change Management Plan. Don't build new roads, reconstruct existing roads or commercially log the Rattlesnake. Rely on hand work, prescribed fire and a light on the land management approach. Please maintain the Rattlesnake's primitive character as Congress intended in the 1980 Rattlesnake Act! The preservation and enhancement of the recreation resource should be the number one management objective.

Thank you for taking comments on this important matter.

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