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Comments: Dear USFS,

Our family values access to groomed nordic ski trails for winter recreation, and our kids belong to teams that rely on adequately groomed trails for training and races. We urge the USFS to keep nordic access in western Montana into the future and grow infrastructure to accomodate growing local nordic popularity that is straining existing locations around Missoula:

1. including grooming access on the Montana side of Lolo Pass, specifically expanding trails between Lee Creek Campground and Lolo Pass. Lolo Pass has the most consistent snow in the area.
2. Pattee Canyon is getting crowded as the popularity of nordic recreation grows in Missoula. We need expanded parking. To improve access we also urge USFS to expand grooming and trailhead access in higher elevation areas on the Dean Stone Ridge and Skyline Ridge 2127-1 Trailhead and USFS lands and roads to the west and southeast.
3. Please extend road access up 1.7 miles of East Fork Rattlesnake/FS 2112 Road from the intersection with Gold Creek Road.

We are so grateful for the close access from urban area to USFS land, and hope the USFS continue to support reliable and suitable winter nordic access for the public!