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Comments: As a regular visitor to the Flathead, I appreciate all the work that has gone into this process. I would ask for the following, in addition: Include adaptive closure mechanisms to allow late-season snowmobile areas to close early if minimum snow depths are reached (protects vegetation, water, and soils), or if grizzly bear sows with cubs are out of their dens in the area.

Conduct a finer-scale analysis of potential impacts to lynx and wolverines. The current forest-wide scale ignores potential loss of secure foraging areas, connectivity, and denning habitat.

Not open the Marias Pass zone of the Skyland Challenge snowmobile area all the way to the divide without a clear plan to prevent illegal riding in the Badger-Two Medicine.

Clarify in the proposed forest plan amendment that it is not acceptable for the Forest Service to use ground disturbing motorized or mechanized vehicles to conduct forest restoration work in recommended wilderness.

Handheld equipment like chainsaws are okay.