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Comments: I am a born and raised 60 year old female Montanan. Camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, skiing and snowmobiling are a few of the past times I have enjoyed over the years utilizing our public lands both in and out of Montana. Out of all the recreations, snowmobiling is the absolute least damaging to our public lands, leaving no footprint. I have spent a lot of time hiking on our public lands which are designated snowmobile routes also. The only way you can tell they are snowmobile routes is a small diamond mounted on a tree indicating trail designation. This is not true for horses and hiking, over use of these two recreations does severe damage to both on and off the trail systems which anyone can see the negative footprint they leave. I am not anti-hiking or the use of horses, it is just that once the snow melts there is no snowmobile footprint or sign that it has been there. Anyone who is anti-motorized is hypocritical. Literally anyone can see the damage/wear and tear on our public lands due to horse and hiking over use.