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Comments: Thank you for allowing me to comment on the Flathead Forest Plan and Recommended Wilderness

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I am pleased to see some progress with this management plan relating to Over Snow Motorized Recreation. The proposed land swap and allowing Over Snow Motorized Recreation certainly is a step in the right direction as opposed to past years when historical riding areas were closed without consideration to the Over Snow Motorized Recreation community.

I am not in agreement with the part that of the land swap that closes Over Snow Motorized Recreation in the RWA. The Recommended Wilderness Area is just that and is recommended to Congress for wilderness and is not yet designated as wilderness. Until the proposed wilderness area is designated as wilderness by Congress then the area shouldn't be managed by the Flathead Nation Forest as wilderness and should allow Over Snow Motorized Recreation.

We need RWA's to be managed as Congress intended.

Please allow Over Snow Motorized Recreation in the proposed RWA until Congress acts on the proposed wilderness.

Thank you.