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Comments: First, I appreciate this opportunity to let the USFS know my feelings about the proposed project.

As a 44 year user of the Winter recreation opportunities on the Powder River Ranger District, I strongly encourage you to NOT cut any trees anywhere near the established trails. The trails need all the snow they can get and the trees help stop the snow and protect it from the sun and wind. Without this protection, there would be little chance of any usable accumulation of snow for skiers and snow shoers. A wide buffer zone needs to be established wherever the recreation trails exist.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns, Mitchell Black