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Comments: Please accept my comments on the CNF forest plan proposed action.

I am supporting the SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA PROPOSED ACTION (SRMA) within the RECOMONEND WILDERNESS (RWA)

Tha only change I recomend is concerning snowmobile areas that have been deleated from the maps submitted during the collaberative process by the Back Country Sled Patriots. Please include Goat Lake and surrounding bowls, Deer Ck. drainage and surrounding bowls,Doe Ck.drainage and Blacklead Mtn. area. These are a part of the historical riding areas some have been riding for 30+ years. These areas need to be connected to the Williams Lake cherry stem access. (SMAGB2) This would allow these historical riding areas to be accessed from the rest of the SRMA but not from 591 road from Cayuse Jct.

Following are the reasons I support the SRMA.

1. No user conflict, I have only seen skiers once in the nearly 20 years I have been riding this area and they accessed the area by snowmobile also.
2. No disruption of wildlife. The snow depth is such that very little if any wildlife remains in the area. The only exception is some goats that winter along the trail to Hoodoo Pass and have been coexisting with snowmobiles for as long as I have been riding the area. I know & Montana FWP will confirm the fact that goat numbers are in decline in the west Bitterroot valley ( Selway- Bitterroot Wilderness Area) where no snowmobiles are allowed but are on the rise in the Crazy Mtns. where snowmobiling is allowed, The 2012 Travel Plan ROD states that no evidence of Lynx was found in the Great Burn Area (2.b.pg.52). Bilogest have stated at the CNF Collaborative meeting that no evidence exists that snowmobile activity negatively impacts wolverines.
3. The 2012 Planing Rule does not prohibit snowmobile activity from a RWA. According to the guidelines under section 219-10 (multiple use). I also hike in this area in the summer and haven't seen any degradation to the area or even a sign of snowmobile use.The Planning Rule also calls for "sustainable recreation that includes non-motorized and motorized". Historice snowmobile use falls under this use. The rule should take precedence over Region One policy of excluding snowmobiling from RWA's. I also snowmobile in the Beaver Ridge area affected by the SRMA.

Please accept these comments as my official comment. Apparently my first attempt to comment was not submitted correctly. Thank You.