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I'd like to offer some very brief comments on the proposed Forest Plan Revision concerning the Great Burn area. I've lived in the Missoula area for over 20 years and have spent a lot of time hiking in this area. This was also the area where we first hiked with our daughter when she was just two years old and this area is vital to the memories of our family.

I'm deeply concerned the Option B will allow motorized recreation in several of the areas where my family and I have many fond memories hiking and enjoying the solitude. The areas in Option B that would allow motorized recreation would completely destroy the quiet and solitude of these areas. I fully realize that the Forest is getting pressure from a relatively small snow machine group to allow motorized use, but these users have plenty of other areas to recreate in, and those of us who value quiet and solitude are finding fewer and fewer areas. Please don't sacrifice the quiet and solitude of these areas to these few snow machine users.

Instead, I encourage you to fully embrace Option A for the Hoodoo Roadless Area because this is the only option that fully preserves the quiet and solitude that was essential to our family. This quiet is also essential for preserving critical winter habitat for wildlife, especially species such as mountain goats and wolverine.

Thank you for considering my comments...

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