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Since my comments on the Kootenai National Forest Plan didn't seem to matter much in the final analysis, I will be brief.

- I object to the proposed management of the Cabinet Mountains and surrounding area as it pertains to grizzly bear recovery. Particularly, the Southern Cabinets where the plan would promote motorized use.
- I object to the promoting of mining activity and road building for non-existent mines on the plan where mining activity has not been applied for.
- I object to about 85% of the Kootenai Forest being open to snowmobiling. This move will forever limit additional wilderness designation on the majority of the forest.
- I strongly object and caution that your management of the Ten Lakes WSA will lead to lawsuits. You have ignored case law on other WSAs that pertain to Ten Lakes. As a side bar, your Galton project is a joke. I can't believe that you think you can ignore congressional designation of Ten Lakes and attempt to dismantle it from the inside out.
- I object to the marginalization of wilderness advocacy stakeholders by the Forest Service. In my opinion, you are promoting and perpetuating a local culture that sees itself as isolated, privileged and bullies your management around. Maybe you like being bullied and maybe you all are isolated and feel you can manage the forest anyway you see fit, but I don't believe you can. The method used for determination of wilderness suitability based on distance from populations is a joke. Why not look for future conditions that would hold back as much roadless as possible, so that as future conditions warrant, areas can be reconsidered for wilderness consideration.

This process is far from over.
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