

APPENDIX B.
DETAILS AND EXPLANATION OF CHANGES PROPOSED TO SNOWMOBILE USE
BY ROUTE AND BY DISTRICT

NOTE:

You Need the Proposed Action Map to Understand Locations – Broad, General Location Names Used Here

General Area Location	District	Existing	Proposed	Explanation / Rationale
Stony Mountain Area – Burnt Fork of Bitterroot River	Stevensville	Majority Open.	Closed	Area receives little motorized use currently, and it is contiguous to recommended wilderness on the Lolo N.F. This area received multi-party support as recommended wilderness during forest planning community meetings in 2005. Fish, Wildlife and Parks identified concerns with snowmobiles impacting mountain goats on the Sapphire ridge in this particular area.
Stony Mountain Area – Burnt Fork Lake, Little Burnt Fork Creek	Stevensville	Closed Oct. 15 – Dec. 1	Closed	Area receives little motorized use currently, and it is contiguous to recommended wilderness on the Lolo N.F. This area received multi-party support as recommended wilderness during forest planning community meetings in 2005.
Multiple Areas Adjacent to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness	Stevensville, Darby, West Fork	Open	Closed	These areas are adjacent to the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness and are generally unroaded. They are proposed for closure to snowmobile use to preserve wilderness character or to retain a quiet backcountry recreation experience.
Multiple Trails Adjacent to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness	Stevensville, Darby, West Fork	Open	Closed	These trails (5, 53, 116, 121, 122, 126, 364, 393 on Stevensville; 528 on West Fork; and 142, 247 and 627 on West Fork) access the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, where motorized use is not allowed. We propose closing them to snowmobiles to eliminate motorized use on trails within a short distance of designated wilderness areas. These routes are not the right setting for motorized use. They do not receive a high amount of snowmobile use now – low demand. Closing trails that access the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness received support from multiple parties with diverse interests during forest planning community meetings.

General Area Location	District	Existing	Proposed	Explanation / Rationale
Adjacent to Anaconda Pintler Wilderness	Sula	Open	Closed	These areas are adjacent to the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness and are unroaded. They are proposed for closure to snowmobile use to preserve wilderness character.
Blue Joint Area	West Fork	Open	Closed	The northern boundary of this area is on the ridge (it includes Castle Rock Trail 627). The area is proposed to be closed to snowmobile use to preserve wilderness character.