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The Kootenai Forest Draft Plan Threatens Wolverines, Grizzly Recovery, and Quiet Recreation

You have until April 5 to comment on the draft plan.

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***Kootenai National Forest Draft Forest Plan Minimizes
Wilderness, Protections***

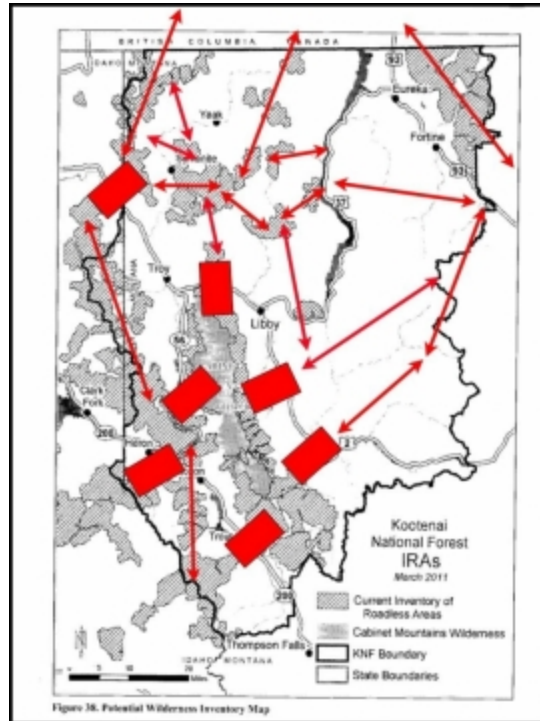
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Wilderness***

- Timber production is emphasized and should be brought into balance with other resource values.
- Almost 45 percent of forest visitors hike or walk.
- Only 1.4 percent of forest visitors use OHV's but the plan emphasized motorized recreation at the expense of wildlife security, quiet recreation, and wilderness.
- Only 1.9 percent of visitors snowmobile but 88 percent of the forest is currently open to this use depriving quiet users of solitude and quiet and future opportunities for Wilderness.
- The Kootenai Forest has allowed snowmobiling to vastly exceed the 1977 standard for the Ten Lakes WSA.

The Kootenai National Forest should start with Alternative C as its preferred alternative, and include a recommendation that all remaining roadless lands be protected as Wilderness.

Grizzlies, wolverines, as well as other wildlife on the forest need these areas as secure habitat. Endangered bull trout and genetically pure cutthroat trout also need cool waters that are provided by intact forests.

The Forest Service should ensure that the lands of the Kootenai allow wildlife to move, connect and persist. We support the *Headwaters Montana* proposal of creating a Management Area 8: Wildlife Corridor Zone.



Headwaters Montana's Proposed Wildlife Corridors for the KNF

The proposal calls for creating a "Management Area 8: Wildlife Corridors" as official, mapped zones on the KNF that would ensure wildlife have room to move. Grizzly bears in particular - that are struggling to hold on the KNF - would benefit most. However, other species use these corridors and would benefit as well. (Click [here](#) for larger version of map. Map created by Headwaters Montana)



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protect and restore the wildlands
of the Kootenai National Forest***

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