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For almost 20 years now my family has been visiting the west Yellowstone area in the winter to enjoy the beautiful scenery and wonderful town while snowmobiling. It has become a tradition that will hopefully be continued to be passed down throughout the years. Proposals C and D would greatly hinder this from happening. Personally as much as I would enjoy proposal E, I think there does need to be some regulations and wilderness areas to preserve our beautiful country. But on the same note we do not need to shrink winter motorized areas. We usually have to book our hotels in advance just to get in to town. Shrinking the snowmobiling area would greatly hurt the winter economy in all areas affected by proposals C and D. As an avid snowmobiler I may be slightly partial, but I know my group is very responsible and courteous when riding. We pick up after ourselves and make sure to not disrupt the natural wilderness. I see more and more posts on social media about groups trying to reduce snowmobiling areas due to us affecting wilderness and it's just not true. There may be a few bad apples but for the majority that is not true. I hope things at least stay the same as they are, as in proposal A. But proposal B also seems reasonable with a good forward thinking approach.