

## **Fact Sheet: Motorized Recreation and Kootenai Forest Stakeholders Coalition**

- The Kootenai National Forest is 2.2 million acres managed for a variety of multiple uses.
- The KFSC recognizes that motorized recreation and access is part-and-parcel of multiple use.
- The KFSC recommends Congress create permanent snowmobile recreation areas, implementing this tool for the first time in Montana.
- Permanent snowmobile areas protect both backcountry play areas and the trail routes necessary to access them.
- Up the Yaak, these areas include portions of Northwest Peaks, Big Creek, Boulder Mountain, Saddle Mountain, Gold Hill, and Robinson Mountain, and other areas.
- Northwest of Bull Lake, Drift Peak would be managed as a permanent snowmobile area.
- Existing groomed areas and adjacent riding areas will remain as they are today
- The KFSC does not address management of the Ten Lakes Area east of Eureka.
- In the Cabinets, there are opportunities for additional motorized designations. Discussions are ongoing to explore these options. In addition, we are looking in to opportunities to create new riding areas for motorcycles and ATV's.

**Source: Kootenai Forest Stakeholders Coalition. To contact us or for more information, visit [www.kootenaifuture.org](http://www.kootenaifuture.org)**