

**Selkirk Mountain Range Winter Travel Plan – 2007 COMMENT FORM**  
**Comments Due by APRIL 27, 2007**

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The Idaho Panhandle National Forest (USDA Forest Service) is reviewing winter travel (including over the snow use) in the Selkirk Mountain Range on the Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, and Priest Lake Ranger Districts, to update the travel plan contained on the 2004 Kaniksu National Forest Visitor and Travel Map. It is extremely important that you include your information and comments to maintain and improve snowmobile access and use. Please provide the following information and answer the following questions. Attach additional pages if necessary and/or additional comments you want included.

1. Please identify which of the following areas that you, your family, and your friends have used in the past (past - more than five years ago), currently use (present - during the last five years), or desire to use in the future (future - within the next five years) to snowmobile in the Selkirk Mountains on the IPNF:

<b>BONNERS FERRY RANGER DISTRICT</b>	<b>PAST</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>FUTURE</b>
Smith Creek Area			
Continental Mine (The Mine, Blue Joe Creek, Continental Mountain, Grass Mountain, Grass Creek)			
Cow Creek (Cow Creek, Saddle Mountain, Phoebe Tip, Trapper Peak, "Trapper Burn," Bugle Ridge, Mollies)			
West Fork (West Fork Cabin, Joe Peak, Beaver Creek, Hidden Lake, Joe Lake, Red Top Mountain, Caribou Lakes, West Fork Lake, West Fork Mountain)			
Main Smith Creek (Smith Creek, Abandon Mountain, Bear Creek, Lions Head, Lions Head Ridge, Cutoff Lake, Lake Mountain)			
Shorty Peak (Silver Mountain, Lone Tree Peak, Saddle Creek, Italian Peak)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			

<b><u>B.F.R.D. CONTINUED</u></b>	<b><u>PAST</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>FUTURE</u></b>
Trout Creek Area			
Farnham (Farnham Ridge, Fisher Creek, Fisher Peak)			
Pyramid (Pyramid Lake, Pyramid Pass, Ball Lakes, Trout Lake)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			
Ball Creek Area			
Russell (Russell Mountain, Russell Ridge, English Creek)			
Ball Lakes (Spanish Creek, Finn Creek, Turke Creek, Long Canyon Pass)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			
Myrtle Creek Area			
Burton Peak (Burton Peak, Cascade Ridge, Cascade Creek, Lost Creek, Burton Peak)			
Cooks (Slide Creek, Myrtle Creek, Cooks Lake)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			
Roman Nose Area			
Snow Creek (Cooks Lake, Bottleneck Lake, Snow Lake, Roman Nose Lakes, Roman Nose Mountain, Apache Ridge)			
Ruby Creek (Ruby Pass, Roman Nose Lakes, Snow Lake, Bottleneck Lake, Roman Nose Mountain, Apache Ridge)			
Fall Creek (Roman Nose Lakes, Roman Nose Mountain, Apache Ridge, Dodge Peak)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			

<b><u>SANDPOINT RANGER DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>PAST</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>FUTURE</u></b>
Pack River Area			
Pearson Basin (Apache Ridge, Dodge Peak, Martin Creek, White Mountain, Fall Creek, Roman Nose Lakes)			
End of Road (Zuni Creek, Outhouse)			
McCormick (McCormick Ridge, Gunsight Peak, Hunt Lake, Fault Lake, McCormick Lake)			
Jeru (Jeru Loop, Jeru Ridge, Jeru Peak)			
Hellroaring (Jeru Peak, Flat Top, Jeru Ridge)			
Caribou Creek (Caribou Lakes, French Creek)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			
Baldy Area			
Baldy Tower (Baldy Peak, Gisborne Ridge, McCormack Meadows, Johnny Long Mountain, Johnson Creek) Pearson Basin (Apache Ridge, Dodge Peak, Martin Creek, White Mountain, Fall Creek, Roman Nose Lakes)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			

<b><u>PRIEST LAKE RANGER DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>PAST</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>FUTURE</u></b>
State Land Trails Are Not Included In This List			
Trapper Peak Area			
Trapper Peak (Trapper Peak, Phoebe Tip, Cow Creek, "Trapper Burn", Green Bonnet Mountain)			
Continental Mine (The Mine, Continental Mountain, Continental Creek, Grass Mountain, Grass Creek, Blue Joe Creek)			
West Fork (West Fork Cabin, Joe Peak, Beaver Creek, Hidden Lake, Joe Lake, Red Top Mountain, Caribou Lakes, West Fork Lake, West Fork Mountain, Bugle Ridge)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			

<b><u>P.L.R.D. CONTINUED</u></b>	<b><u>PAST</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>FUTURE</u></b>
Hughes Area			
Hughes Meadows (The Meadows, Hughes Ridge)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			
Experimental Forest Area			
Gisborne (Gisborne Ridge, Benton Creek)			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			
Granite Pass			
Blacktail/Dusty			
Tango			
North Baldy			
South Baldy			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			

2. Please identify any other areas which you, your family, and your friends have used in the past (past - more than five years ago), currently use (present - during the last five years), or desire to use in the future (future - within the next five years) to snowmobile in the Selkirk Mountains (not the Cabinet, Purcell, or Bitterroot Mountains) on the IPNF (including parking areas, roads, trails, and favorite destinations), which you think are important to be considered:

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3. Please identify if you, your family, and your friends have, in the so-called “emergency caribou closure” along the Selkirk Crest, used the area prior to the closure, or desire to use the area in the future to snowmobile in the Selkirk Mountains on the IPNF:

<b><u>SELKIRK CREST “EMERGENCY CARIBOU CLOSURE”</u></b>	<b><u>PRIOR</u></b>	<b><u>FUTURE</u></b>
Harrison Lake		
Harrison Peak		
Little Harrison Lake		
Beehive Lakes		
Beehive Creek		
Twin Peaks/Slide Creek/Thor Creek		
Seven Sisters		
Silver Dollar Peak		
Chimney Rock/Chimney Creek/West Branch		
Mt. Roothaan		
Two Mouth Lakes		
Myrtle Peak		
Myrtle Lake		
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):		

4. Prior to USFS maps produced in response to the Caribou Lawsuit in Federal Court in Spokane, Washington and now the Starting Point map, the “Research Natural Area” around the West Fork Cabin in Smith Creek was identified as open to over-the-snow vehicles (see 2004 and prior Visitor and Travel Maps). Please identify if you, your family, and your friends have used in the past (past - more than five years ago), currently use (present - during the last five years), or desire to use in the future (future - within the next five years) that area to snowmobile in the Selkirk Mountains on the IPNF:

<b>WEST FORK “RESEARCH NATURAL AREA”</b>	<b>PAST</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>FUTURE</b>
West Fork Cabin to Joe Peak – In the Drainage			
West Fork Cabin to Hidden Lake			
West Fork Cabin to Caribou Creek			
Other (list physical features or comments about this area):			

5. Please identify any other areas or comments regarding the Starting Point map which want to be considered:

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6. In regards to Caribou (and other “endangered” species), please indicated which of the following travel management tools you would support, and why or under what circumstances:

<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>NOT SUPPORT</u></b>
Total Closure		
Seasonal Closures (certain dates)		
Designated Routes (no off-trail riding along route)		
Unrestricted Areas		
Roving/Wandering/Roaming Closures (i.e. closures that would center around actual identified Caribou use during a given winter where snowmobile interaction was found to be actually detrimental to the animals)		
Other (list other alternatives you believe should be considered or other comments about management tools):		

7. If closures to snowmobiles are implemented, please describe the importance of each of the follow:

- Identifiable locations on the ground: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Scientific study and reasoned conclusions: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Least restrictive management: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Closures developed through user group participation and input: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Other (identify other important factors or comments): \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Please described how each of the following efforts by the Forest Service for winter recreation could be improved or changed:

- Education: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Enforcement: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Monitoring: \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Please describe the all the types of snowmobile riding you participate in or enjoy:

<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
Groomed Trail Riding		
Ungroomed Trail Riding		
Off-Trail Riding – wide open areas (burns, clearcuts, naturally treeless areas)		
Off-Trail Riding – timbered or treed areas		
Off-Trail Riding – mountain lakes and meadows		
Boondocking – Off-trail travel from mountain, to mountain, to lakes, to open terrain, to lookouts, through the trees/timber, etc.		
Hillclimbing/Highmarking		
Scenic Attractions (waterfalls, vistas, lookouts)		
Cabins or Warming Huts		
Gatherings or Events (Club rides, BBQs, Picnics, Races, Fun-Runs, etc.)		
Dining/Eating Locations (Restaurants, etc.)		
Family Outings		
Other (list other types of riding you do or other comments about riding opportunities):		





19. Please describe any other important social or economic factors of your snowmobile winter travel in the Kaniksu National Forest:

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20. Please include any other comments regarding the Selkirk Mountain Winter Travel Plan on the Kaniksu National Forest:

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21. Please send me a copy of the information on the plan documents as developed, of public meetings, or public comment periods, and a copy of the decision and decision document(s) when issued.

**Please complete this comment form as soon as possible and send or deliver it to:**

**Sandpoint Ranger District  
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Sandpoint, Idaho 83864**

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**This Comment Form was developed by  
the Sandpoint Winter Riders Snowmobile Club.**

**Thank you for your contributions. Every comment helps.**