

Date February 8, 2011



Dear Forest Service,

**RE: 4th of July Cross-Country Ski and Snowshoe Area,**

It's been brought to our attention you have been petitioned by the Panhandle Nordic Ski Club requesting that you seasonally close the 614 & 918 roads to all OHV users.

After review and discussion with our membership we ask that you reject their request. In short, this route is one of only a few roads currently left open to off highway vehicles during the seasonal closures in the panhandle area. Other clubs like ours use this road to not only access the city of Harrison, Idaho but the Carlin Bay resort as well.

With so few roads open to OHV riders during the seasonal closure periods, this would be a detriment to community.

By leaving the 614 & 918 roads open to OHV users, you have essentially kept a low maintenance road available to all user groups, like the ATV, UTV & Snowmobile riders as well as the Nordic Ski club.

Please reject their request to close these roads seasonally to OHV users.

Respectfully submitted,

North Idaho ATV Association, Inc

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