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Comments: This is an objection to all alternatives in Gmug Winter Opportunity maps for the forest Plan Revision. This has to do with the semi-primitive motorized designation in all alternatives, which needs to be changed to Semi primitive non motorized adjacent to private land in the lake Irwin area west of Crested butte.

The designation does not address access through private land, the impact on residential properties or the danger of the terrain.

I made multiple comments during the comment period pertaining to the management of public recreational users around private land. There has also been extensive litigation pertaining to this area, which at this point has established that there is no current legal forest service access through the lands to the designated motorized area. Because the area of objection has no legal public access to date, the motorized designation encourages trespass on private land.

Over snow Vehicles are extremely loud and are not used to get from point A to point B, rather they tend to ride around in circles for hours at a time until they are out of fuel. This type of motorized use needs to be set away from residential properties in order to comply with the Colorado noise statute (25-12-103). The maximum decibel level is 55 db, where the maximum decibel level on public land is 88db. Further more the statute states that Periodic, impulsive, or shrill noises shall be considered a public nuisance when such noises are at a sound level of five db less than 55db. Most "hot rod" snowmobiles are fitted with illegal exhausts that can produce well over 130db. This can echo to become even louder in high alpine areas, such as the lake irwin area that have few trees and is surrounded by high peaks. The alternative should address this and provide opportunities for quiet users, such as backcountry skiers that can enjoy the high peaks without invading on the rights of residential property owners.

This area that is to the north of private land is steep rugged alpine terrain, which is commonly a high avalanche danger area. Over snow vehicles are heavy powerful machines that can dig into weak snowpack layers and cause an avalanche even in lower avalanche danger. This not only poses risks to the motorized user, but the landowners below as well. A motorized designation is negligent to the safety of land owners and public users alike. Quiet users such as back country skiers can choose routes that are carefully considered for the safety of their party, and produce less weight to the snowpack that can produce devastating avalanches.

Attached with this objection is an annotated map, that points out known fatalities and clearly shows the line of private land that is impossible to cross without trespassing.