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Comments: This is a comment on the ROS map settings for all alternatives on 826.1D, north of the Ruby Mining district.

The current designation for all alternatives is semi-primitive motorized. It should be changed to non-motorized. The ROS map also does not correspond with the 2010 ROD travel map, where the road as it passes through private land is not a Forest Service road.

This road designation should be changed.

Also there is not current legal access through private land, nor has there, for over 5 years. In this time the road has returned to a primitive setting. Any motorized traffic would not meet the guidelines set forth in the plants, soils and high alpine sections of the draft plan. Motorized use of this road would cause the footprint to grow dramatically, which does not seem to agree with the direction that the draft plan is focused.

In the winter, even if there was legal access, the noise and control of OSV needs to be addressed. As noted in the plan and open houses, noise carries especially well in high alpine valleys. Encouraging motorized use around residential properties will far exceed the standards set forth in state and federal noise statutes. The topography around private land is steep avalanche terrain, and encouraging these routes would result in reckless endangerment litigation.

I am for motorized use, but I would like to see it managed around private land.

This is why the ROS designation for 826.1D needs to be changed north of private land to semi-primitive non-motorized.

I am also not in favor of a winter travel management plan. There are problems that have been going on for too long with public abuse of private land. This plan needs to be more decisive about these issues. Thank You

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