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Comments: I would like to express my support and agreement with the letter from the organization Share the Slate. I am against management plan D. Snowmobiling and mixed use terrain has been a huge part of our skiing culture in Crested Butte. Backcountry skiing and snowmobiling are very popular in the Gunnison Valley and use of a snowmobile to access historical backcountry skiing terrain saves huge amounts of time and provides a measure of safety in the event an accident occurs and rapid access needs to be made in or out of the scene. Unfortunately, the use of our public lands are constantly increasing. The number of motorized and non-motorized users is up all across the board. Limiting existing access is going to make our already congested area even more congested.

The majority of winter motorized traffic is out county road 12. However, our other drainages are popular for mixed use terrain and keeping people spread out. If all motorized use is in one area, skiers and snowmobilers will be more on top of each other and the potential for accidents will greatly increase.

For these reasons, I am in support of keeping OHV and current mixed use terrain open and not close off access to certain user groups. Continue to keep existing areas already closed to snowmobiling and OHV use closed. Keep existing areas open to mixed use open.

Thank you for your consideration.