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Comments: I'm writing in support of alternative C and strong opposition to alternatives A & D. Alternative D will result in a major reduction to many popular snowmobiling areas / snowmobile access to unique areas in the Crested Butte backcountry. All users should have fair and equal access to our public lands. This level of reduction will effectively "pen" in users to already heavily traffic'd zones at a time when use of these areas in increasing every year. This will undoubtedly lead to increased conflict between users as well as potential danger that arises from it.

I'm specifically concerned about the proposed boundary changes in the Poverty Gulch, Pearl Pass, and Oh Be Joyful areas. In the Poverty Gulch area, which I visit multiple times throughout the season the updated boundary changes in alternative D take what is effectively a safe access route from an avalanche standpoint and replaces it with one that would require travel along the road exposed to the warm and steep south facing slope. In the Pearl Pass area, there is truly unique access to some amazing skiing in the prime spring months when avalanche safety stabilizes. The closure of Pearl Pass Rd and Brush Creek Drainage in Plan A would make it such that Crested Butte based users would have to drive nearly 4 hours to access this terrain that is currently easily accessed. Further this area already has summertime motorized access, which is arguably more disruptive to the environment, so it seems strange to have this seasonal inconsistently - why would users of one season be prioritized over the other? Finally, the Oh Be Joyful area is another one that while close to town provides access to some wonderful recreation opportunities via sled access skiing and the complete elimination of that would again further drive people into other already crowded corridors.

So much of the local winter culture in Crested Butte centers around snowmobile accessed skiing as our surrounding mountains receive much more snow than the resort. It would truly be a shame to have this set of user's use of our lands curtailed in such a dramatic fashion.

Thank you for your consideration