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Comments: Hello there!

As an avid winter backcountry user in Gunnison National Forest/Watershed, after seeing the proposed ROS plan D, I was struck by the plans vast reduction of motorized access.

A large majority of my winter recreation consists of human power access up nearly all the main drainages, however from time to time I will hitch a ride with partners via motorized travel to expand access further up zones. Often this is to seek safer terrain, not quite accessible by human power when conditions are touchy. While I don't currently own a motorized over-snow vehicle, I have intentions to in the future for hybrid use as access for ski touring and a reduction from 677k acres to ~70k seems a bit overkill.

I'm also curious of what crowding might occur if a reduction as offered in plan D was put in place, as I can't imagine a correlating reduction of motorized users. In all I would say leave it as is or perhaps a slight expansion like the 816k acres proposal, but to cut that access down to 6% is absurd in my opinion.

Thanks!

Nick