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Thank-you for sending me an email with a link to the Rio Grande National Forest Onew Snow Travel Management Project Update. How disappointing to read the decision allowing 73% of our forest lands be open to OSV's - primarily snowmobiles. I am skeptical it is in the best interest of our environment/wild life to allow almost 3/4's of our public lands open to OSV's. Muddy, gas-puzzling, noisy and foul-smelling

The Onew Snow Management Project allows for 23 miles of groomed trails for skiers and snowshoers. When one considers the number of miles in the RGNF, 23 miles is a pittance.

Many who venture into the RGNF on skis and snowshoes prefer to "break trail" vs. being on groomed trails. Unfortunately, OSV's all too often render these trails less than adequate for skiers.

It was interesting to read in this report that a potential impact could be a loss

of recreational opportunity for OSV's. Since this project purports that 73% of forest lands be open to OSV's, it is difficult to understand this potential impact.

One can only hope the final decision of this project will be to restrict OSV's to less than 73% of the RGNF.

Thank-you for considering my concerns,

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