LET'S WORK TOGETHER

ISSUE:

There is a growing conflict in winter recreation areas between skiers and snow-mobilers. The Forest Service is concerned that public safety is being compromised.

Funds for management of winter recreation are scarce. Spending money to resolve this issue will shortchange another recreation activity.

CHOICES:

- (1.) The Forest Service can <u>IMPLEMENT NEW RESTRICTIONS</u>. This would <u>CLOSE</u> some areas to certain uses; thereby reduce conflicts and improve public safety. Violators could be fined and/or go to court. This choice costs more tax dollars.
- (2.) We can <u>WORK TOGETHER</u> voluntarily, show respect for one another, <u>be sure everyone</u> enjoys themselves, and avoid more regulation. This choice costs fewer tax dollars.

I prefer the second choice...IF WE CAN MAKE IT WORK. We all have enough regulation in our lives. None of us want more rules, especially if there is an alternative. Tax dollars are needed more in other areas of recreation management.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS VOLUNTARY SEPARATION OF SKIERS AND SNOWMOBILERS AS SHOWN BELOW, ON SIGNS, AND ON THE REVERSE OF THIS SHEET.

SKIERS Please Use

Neff Mountain Wolf Creek Roads: # 108, 116, 119. SNOWMOBILERS Please Use

East side of Highway 17 Lower Grouse Creek Upper La Manga Creek Roads: # 114, 118.

except when snow is plowed from roads, snowmobile use is prohibited.

The success of this voluntary program is up to you.

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IF YOU DO NOT KNOW ABOUT BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL IN WINTER AND AVALANCHE SAFETY, THE FOREST SERVICE CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION. BE INFORMED.
