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Comments: I'm writing to suggest improvements to the desired winter non-motorized boundaries on Grand Mesa for the three Nordic areas - Skyway, County Line, and Ward. Please see attachment with desired boundary suggestions overlaid on the Working Draft Desired Winter ROS map. A second attachment shows the permitted GMNC Nordic trails, with existing boundaries from the FS Travel Management Plan.

All three Nordic areas currently experience severe and repeated problems with motorized incursions (snowmobiles) during the winter. The incursions are exacerbated by poor design of the motorized / non-motorized boundaries in the following ways:

1. The motorized boundaries are extremely close to the ski trails at all three Nordic areas. This encourages incursions and conflicts. Boundaries should allow more buffer zone.
2. Ski area (non-motorized) boundaries should extend to nearby roadways: Highway 65 (Skyway, County Line, and Ward), and Baron Lake Drive (Ward). Or at least to the cliff adjacent to Highway 65 on the east side of County Line Nordic area.
3. At Ward, some of the established ski trails (Skinned Horse) are outside the non-motorized area. The non-motorized boundary should be well outside all of the existing ski trails.
4. Boundaries should not be in the middle of a lake, as is currently the case at Deep Ward Lake.
5. A snowmobile corridor goes through the middle of the Skyway/County Line Nordic area. Despite the two names, this is in actuality a single fully integrated ski trail system served by two trailheads. Snowmobilers constantly make mistakes and stray from the 40' marked corridor onto the ski trails. I strongly recommend that this entire area be considered non-motorized, and the corridor eliminated. There are other avenues for snowmobilers to access the area north of Skyway and County Line. This would eliminate a major source of conflict.
6. If the snowmobile corridor continues to exist through Skyway/County Line Nordic area, it should be mapped and marked at a minimum reasonable width, such as 40' wide, and well signed on the ground (it is not currently).