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Comments: GMUG Forest Planning Committee-

I am writing in opposition of Alternative D for the GMUG Forest Plan. Option D would take away access for hybrid backcountry skiers to access safe and manageable terrain. Specifically the Slate River Valley, as this area offers a great resource for hybrid backcountry skiers that access SAFE terrain via snowmobile.

As a member of Crested Butte Mountain Rescue, I personally appreciate the mixed user groups in most of our backcountry areas. By allowing responsible snowmobile access, many areas that are frequented by backcountry skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers, etc are made accessible, and therefore SAFER and more efficient rescues are possible. Sometimes non-motorized users are the ones to become injured or sick in the backcountry, and we count on our forest service roads being responsibly snow-packed to access patients via snowmobile or UTV.

I strongly support Share the Slate's views and research on the GMUG Forest Plan. I have attached their letter to insure their research reaches you one more time.

Thank you for the consideration.

[ATTACHMENT IS REPEAT OF LETTER # 7652 from SHARE THE SLATE. NOT COPIED BELOW.]