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Good morning Carols Gonzalas,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 has reviewed the U.S. Forest Service's June 2026 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Over-Snow Travel Management Project (CEQ #20260071) within the Rio Grande National Forest in

accordance with Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CAA Section 309 role is unique to the EPA. It requires EPA to review and comment on the environmental impact of any proposed Federal action subject to NEPA's EIS requirements and to make the EPA's comments public.

Our apologies for submitting this comment letter late. While we strive to meet public comment review dates set by the lead agency, we were unable to do so in this case due to extended review time out of our HQ office. We hope you consider

our input. We also request that our letter be a part of the EIS's public and administrative record.

Feel free to reach out to me my supervisor Carolyn Gleason (gleason.carolyn@epa.gov) should you have any questions or concerns regarding our input.

Thank you again for your consideration,

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