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Comments: Thank you for assessing and revising the GMUG forest plan. I have played in this area for the past 20 years and feel so fortunate to enjoy this outdoor playground. I am concerned about the increase in users and the potential for conflicts because of the increase. Primarily, I am concerned about the separation of motorized and non-motorized activities in all seasons.

The Moab area has done a good job of separating the jeeps, bikes and foot traffic from each other. I hope that GMUG could do the same. Separation and good information via maps are critical to reduce conflict and increase enjoyment.

I ask you to consider creating snowmobile and fat tire/snow biking trails separate and distinct from the groomed Nordic trails, especially in the Trout Lake, Priest Lake and Lizard Head areas. I also ask you to consider creating maps and signage to encourage user compliance.

I am not sure whether you can limit some areas to no domesticated animals (or one dog per person, leashed/no ski-joring, etc..) but I really wish that you would!

I also believe that the top of Lizard head pass needs to have the restrooms operational in the winter, plowing for more parking at the existing parking area, and a flashing light warning vehicular traffic of a pedestrian crossing at the parking area.

Finally, I hope that you would consider granting the Telluride Nordic Association permission to expand the groomed Nordic trails at Lizard Head. The terrain is fantastic and it is used by residents from Durango to Placerville and many visitors as well. I believe new trails could be designed to avoid conflict with snowmobilers. Again, education and signage is key!

Thanks for your time and energy!