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Comments: I hike and cross country ski multiple times a week in the forest in question. Snowmobile use in the valleys in Crested Butte and the Pitkin areas have increased to the point of making cross country skiing unpleasant. Not only do the vehicles use the entire road, they use much of the adjacent valleys, causing icing and ruts. Many ignore the requirement to stay on the road. In Pitkin, snowmobile tracks cover entire closed campgrounds where skiers enjoyed the quiet forest.

With regard to mountain biking, it is hard to believe the forest statement that it is declining. While we see many dirt bikes in summer, mountain bikes are ubiquitous on trails and roads. What we do see, especially in Cement Creek drainage, are the lasting scars from dirt bikes and ATV's on the slopes near the valley head. This scarring is everywhere near Cumberland Pass and on homeowner's grass in Tincup.

It is my thoughts that more trails for motorized users will only do more to damage the tundra and our drainages. Sadly, even if some motorized users obey the rules, the ones who don't, create a lasting legacy with more scarring and erosion.

It behooves the Forest Service to pay attention to use estimates that are available and not ignore the wishes of the public.