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Comments: Thanks for taking the time to read this. I am writing in reference to backcountry motorized land use in the Grand Mesa area. I am happy to see that over-snow travel appears to be a part of your planning process, and am writing in support of keeping all existing areas for over-snow travel.

I have spent a lot of time traveling West to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Rockies. There is little that compares to exploring the land and seeing the mountains in the summer and winter. I have ridden horses, hiked, fished, skied, snowmobiled, and rode ORV's the mountains. Winter snowmobiling and summer ORV access allows many people to get to locations which you otherwise cannot. The view from a snow-covered summit, and the sense of adventure gained lacks any known comparison. Trails are a great way to access our public lands, but the option to ride in the winter backcountry brings many people to the West for an unparalleled experience.

Snowmobilers have fewer areas which they can access, and we are hopeful to keep what we have. We travel in areas which others would have a very hard time accessing in the winter. There are many areas for non-motorized recreation, and the limits of deep snow and physical distance make the exiting wilderness area quite expansive for non-motorized uses. The same cannot always be said for snowmobiles. We are hopeful to keep backcountry land access which we can travel to and enjoy with family and friends. The memories created on snowmobile trips are some of my lifetime favorites, and I hope to make more in the Colorado backcountry.

Thanks for your consideration and keep up the good work.