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Comments: Dear GMUG,

Over-snow activities and snow compaction.

I was not able to locate miles of groomed snow routes or acres of play areas. Could GMUG provide the direction where to locate this information? If information is not present. I recommend this data is included in order to monitor the trend of winter recreation from the past, present and future. The Forest Service Management Plan should provide baseline data of over-snow compaction of 1998-2000 in the plan and the latest known baseline of snow-compaction, so the public can see the data. What percentage of change has been documented since 1998-2000 baseline snow compaction?

For example: 1998-2000 acres of snow compaction/ 2005 acres of snow compaction/ 2010 acres of snow compaction/ 2015 acres of snow compaction/ 2020 acres of snow compaction.

What are the 5 year trend percentages of snow compaction and miles of groomed snow routes?

When does snow compaction become adverse or likely to adversely affect lynx? If not known, has this concept been discussed with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service? And what was their conclusion?

Have designated over-the-snow routes or designated play areas remained within the known baseline? Could references be provided that directly discuss on page 340 "Justification: Recent lynx conservation summaries have de-emphasized the impact of snow compaction on the species. Will instead follow the Southern Rockies Lynx Amendment".

Climbing

Could the Forest Service Plan discuss in more detail climbing and rock climbing potential impacts to nesting raptors and how to address seasonal closures specifically to raptors and this type of recreational activity.

Thank you all for taken the time to complete a very large plan.