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Comments: Good day,

Im a year round local resident of 16 years and a Elk Avenue business owner. I'm writing to oppose the proposed plan D closing of public lands to our snowmobile community. Not only is this unreasonable it's dangerous. If we close access to these areas, we are not only eliminating much of our snowmobile accessible terrain but we are condensing and dangerously overcrowding other trailheads, adding more impact on a single access point to our Gunnison Valley national forest. I've lived in the valley for 16 years and use the backcountry for winter and summer recreation. I've seen little to no negative impact from snowmobiles. These lands belong to all of us. We all deserve to enjoy them and do so with care and respect for the land. We are people we love this land and would do anything to protect it. We deeply care. We observe, we communicate, we inform the forest service and avalanche centers. We help those in need if stranded or injured deep in the backcountry.

We all deserve the right to use our land and it shouldn't be limited to any one user group.

From a business prospective, I think it's imperative that we keep this draw to our valley.

People travel from all over the country to snowmobile in our public lands and with them comes much needed business to our local shops and restaurants. Closing access to one group is just flat out wrong. These lands were intended for public use and they should stay that way.