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Comments: Thank you for the hard work to develop the draft GMUG Land and Resource Management Plan. I have the following comments regarding winter recreation.

With respect to managing existing Nordic ski trails under permit to the Grand Mesa Nordic Council at Ward, County Line and Skyway Nordic Ski areas, I support the winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum designation of semi primitive non-motorized for these areas as described in Alternative D because it gives the most support and protection to these existing uses.

I further urge the GMUG to consider adding a plan standard or guideline that would prohibit non-skiing activities from occurring in areas under permit and maintained by member-based organizations such as the Grand Mesa Nordic Council for Nordic skiing purposes. I suggest this because there are increasing incidences of people hiking on trails groomed for Nordic skiing which destroys the groomed ski tracks and diminishes the Nordic skiing experience expected by skiers at developed Nordic ski areas. I suggest a plan standard or guideline to this end could be implemented by including it as a term or condition in the applicable permit or authorization to formally preclude this incompatible use.

With respect to Nordic skiing opportunities in the North Fork Valley, there is an evolving need of a growing Nordic skiing community in that area. Nordic skiing, including backcountry skiing is a growing use non-motorized winter use, particularly in areas adjacent to NFSR 701 (Stevens Gulch Road). More specifically, this use has increased notably in the West Terror Creek and Cunningham Creek watersheds in the area served in summer by NFSR 703. I support designating the area encompassed by the West Terror and Cunningham Creek watersheds for semi- primitive non motorized winter recreation under the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum to address the needs of the skiing community.

Respectfully, Liane Mattson