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Comments: Dear Rocky Mountain Division of the US Forest Service,

How are you today? My name is Ryan Hoynacki. For the last 17 years, I recreate 100+ days a year in the Gunnison National Forest as a Backcountry Skier, Hybrid User, Snowmobiler, Mountaineer, Climber, and Hunter. I will utilize this opportunity to communicate my thoughts on the GMUG Draft Forest Plan regarding recreation opportunities. Specifically, I believe the current Land and Resource Management Plan (Alternative A) is the proper Plan to follow and foster for future fun.

The mountains in and around the Gunnison National Forest are world class. The ability to recreate in these mountains is a privilege me, my peers, locals, and tourists take very seriously. Skiers, Nordic Skiers, Snowmobilers, Hybris Users, Timber Sledders, Snowshoers, Mountaineers, Hunters, Climbers, Bikers, Hikers, Rafters, Kayakers, Fishermen, and Sight Seers all have equal privilege to recreate in these mountains. The current land and resource management plan in use since 1983 is excellent, it works, and allows everyone to spread out accordingly. Socializing in the Gunnison National Forest alone with nature or together with your group is a beautiful moment. Please do not disrupt these moments by encroaching the usable land.

Next, certain organizations provide an unrealistic voice for current recreation situations, interactions, and outcomes in the Gunnison National Forest. These organizations are founded by citizens with an abundance of time and money. Wanting "your mountain area" to be less noisy is a selfish mindset. These organizations make no effort to learn from, socialize with, or participate in motorized sports. Yet, these users rely on diesel powered grooming machines and gas-powered snowmobiles to groom their 50 kilometers of trails. Meanwhile, there are many snowmobilers and hybrid users who are avid skate skiers and lovers of the simple sport of Nordic skiing. Bottomline, there is plenty of space in the Slate River drainage, the current situation in the Slate River does not cause any problems, and every interaction between Hybrid Users and Nordic Skiers is quite pleasant in the Slate River drainage. Please do not allow selfishly opinionated organizations to influence your decision making.

Lastly, one can observe the obvious signs of global warmth in this region of Colorado simply by driving down the highway in late January or mid-February. During "dry winters", there is not enough snow depth in many zones to safely snowmobile. Alternative B or D in the GMUG Draft Forest Plan significantly encroaches the rideable areas for over snow gas powered machines. The unintended consequences of this encroachment will be ugly: more crowded trailheads, overuse in specific zones, disruption of nature closer to popular trailheads. Let recreation spread out!

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Hoynacki