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Comments: Since moving to the Western slope from the Mid Atlantic almost 4 years ago myself and my family has spent a large amount of time recreating on the Grand Mesa especially in the wintertime and primarily on the cross-country ski trails that the Grand Mesa Nordic Council (GMNC) manages in the winter. Since discovering the GMNC trail system, we as a family has fallen in love with the trails, the peaceful environment and the opportunities for fitness and escape that the GMNC trails allow.

Please designate the areas on the Grand Mesa that the GMNC takes care of as a special management area for cross-country skiing. Also please designate the areas in the GMNC ski pods as non-motorized recreation.

Also Please classify the ski pods that the Grand Mesa Nordic Council takes care of as "non-suitable for timber base."

There appears to be a mistake in the available winter travel maps that needs to be corrected. The entire Skyway, County Line and Ward trail systems should be classified as "Oversnow Vehicles Prohibited Seasonally." In the current maps a portion of both the Skyway and Ward trail systems allow oversnow vehicles.

Alternative D is mine and my families preferred option for winter travel. We recreate on the Grand Mesa in the wintertime to escape from motorized vehicles and having more of the Grand Mesa designated as "Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized" specifically expanding the current "Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized" areas and making the Waterdog as well as the Mesa Top trail areas as "Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized".

With the increased number of non-motorized users recreating on the Mesa more area need to be set aside for so wintertime human powered users.

Thank you for your time and consideration.