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Comments: While I live in Denver I'm a very frequent visitor to the South Fork and Creede areas of CO largely drawn by the extensive Nordic skiing provided there on Forest land and roads, maintained in winter by the San Juan, Pagosa, and Upper Rio Grande Nordic clubs. The Big Meadows area is a highlight of these, along with Lime Creek trails. I am happy to co-exist with snowmobiles and generally find riders to be courteous, but feel that some areas should be ski (and snow shoe) only, even to the extent of expanding that use at higher elevations where snow is reliable.

Motorized users already have the largest share of terrain available to them and are able to easily travel further from trailheads than skiers. Designating more ski-only roads or trails in winter close to parking areas would have minor impact on motorized users while greatly improving the experience of skiers and snowshoers.

Certainly the existing non-motorized ski / shoe area should be maintained.

Thanks for listening to your outdoor winter recreation users!