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Comments: Over 40 years ago I started cross-country skiing on Wolfcreek. Over these years I have seen snowmobiles take over the trails. I remember that there were many snowmobiles on the actual Pass (CDT?) back then. As the years have passed snowmobilers can now be found in the area of Tucker Ponds, Big Meadows, Park Creek, the Pass, FR 725 and FR 039. Snowmobiles ruin the trails for cross-country skiers. Snowmobiles are allowed on the road to Big Meadows, groomed by the San Juan Nordic Club, However, signs to stay off the ski tracks are often ignored. The Big Meadows campground does not allow snowmobiles. Regardless, I have encountered them there, accessing the area from the Reservoir.

Snowmobilers likely bring more money to Pagosa Springs and the San Luis Valley than do skiers/snowshoers. It is my hope that money will not be the determining factor in decisions made regarding Over Snow Travel in the Rio Grande National Forest.

Thank-you for considering my concerns.