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Comments: Having been a resident now in pagosa springs 3 years, I am coming to deeply love the Rio Grande National Forest areas for much of my outdoor pursuits which relies on areas remaining unencumbered by motorized transport. I love the skin track, the mountain bike trail, and the river. I know I cannot ride my mountain bike everywhere; I know some trails are fragile and must be protected, e.g. for hikers only. I love designated access to areas on my skis, mountain bike, and kayak, but know I can't have all areas since I am one type of user. I understand others enjoy recreating on e-bikes, snowmobiles, dirt bikes and that is wonderful that those users can access the wilderness as well. But, while we all have a voice in use of our lands, delegating the majority of a national forest area to use by motorized vehicles seems to be overall avoided in many great national forest areas of such natural beauty, and I believe allowing it for our area will truly degrade the sustained beauty for all of us accessing these areas, even motorized users. I hope we will responsibly move access forward and not succumb to one type of user or industry.