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Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

I am concerned about the large amount of area proposed to be designated for motorized use.

The plan needs to carefully consider winter habitat and protect winter range for lynx and big game species.

The plan should respect nonmotorized areas, and not allow motorized recreation there.

The plan should consider impact on other recreational users. Snowmobiles and other motorized over-snow vehicles are very loud, which affects both wildlife and other recreational users. They also reduce air quality.

The plan should also consider implementation and enforcement. The boundaries of areas that allow motorized use should be clear and natural. The plan should also include buffer areas around wilderness areas and other nonmotorized areas where over-snow vehicle use is prohibited. Not all users are good at checking and reading maps and knowing their location. Buffer areas around Wilderness and other nonmotorized areas help protect these areas from inadvertent incursion of motorized vehicles.

It's important that each area be examined before motorized use is allowed.

Having a minimum snow depth before motorized use is allowed is a good idea. But since Colorado snow has less water content than snow in many other areas, a higher minimum should be considered.

Thanks.