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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Winter Travel Management Plan. I understand that carefully balancing multiple uses is an important part of forest planning to protect resources, support sustainable uses, and maintain healthy ecosystems. This is not an easy task.

I am a new resident to Colorado but a long time nordic skier. Having lived in Oregon for the past 30 years, I witnessed the uses on Mt. Hood and Deschutes National Forests, between non-motorized and motorized (OSV) winter users, to be generally balanced with little conflict. This was done mainly with proper segregation to promote enjoyment and safety for both user groups.

This past winter, I recreated multiple times at Lobo, Wolf Creek Nordic area, Cumbres Pass - Trujillo Meadows and also travelled through other areas in RGNF. Overall, I saw less of a balance and less segregation as the accessible terrain seemed heavily tilted toward OSVs. The ROS map indicates as such.

The Lobo area is physically separated and is a good (and main) resource for many non-motorized users groups (nordic and snow play) and should be kept that way for its ease of access. However, it doesn't fully deliver and planners should realize this. The majority of its terrain is in view and earshot of OSVs (across Highway 160), a ski resort and parking lot, as well as power lines and communication towers. I expect a higher standard for Colorado, for every National Forest. Please provide a more balanced and safer experience for all. Thank you.