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Comments: As a frequent user of our beautiful winter backcountry, I am asking that the Rio Grande Forest district keep out quiet, pristine areas as they are. I have visited both the Pass creek yurt on Wolf Creek pass and the Spruce Hole yurt on Cumbres Pass and have been able to experience a true, quiet area where you can escape from the hustle and bustle of every day life, disconnect from technology and enjoy the serene backcountry forest. Allowing motorized use in these areas would take away from the pure nature of these areas. I also frequent the Lobo area for backcountry snowboarding. To be able to go out there and enjoy the quiet (although you can still hear the snowmobiles across the highway in many places) is unmatched. We need to keep areas in our backcountry where we can still enjoy human powered activities only, to be able to truly escape the noise of our regular lives and enjoy the true, pure nature of our forest.