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Comments: As an avid skier at Wolf Creek Ski Area, using the Rio Grande National Forest is of great interest to me.

Although I'm not familiar with all the mapping I do know that on many occasions hearing the OVS's close to the ski area boundaries is disconcerting. Each winter it seems the OVS's are getting closer and on 3 occasions I witnessed snowmobiles coming into the ski area boundary above the top terminal of the Bonanza lift and also on Divide Trail.

Being able to enjoy the solitude and beauty of the winter mountains is a privilege that I truly enjoy. I realize that the Rio Grande National Forest is expansive and managing the terrain is complicated. With the amount of terrain available it seems that keeping corridors of open space between each group of winter enthusiasts is a task that is not only possible but necessary to keep the health of the forest's flora and fauna.