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Comments: I'm writing to voice my opinion that quiet recreation is protected, and maintains separate, dedicated open space and trail options from motorized activities in the Rio Grande Forest.

Snowmobiles have an outsized impact on the trails and environment. The exhaust from and fear of being hit by a snowmobile as it passes interferes with enjoyment of being outside in the forest. The worst fall I've ever had nordic skiing was caused trying to navigate the ruts of a snowmobile track.

Besides the damage to the trail surface, snowmobile noise ruins the quiet experience of other skiers and snowshoers far from the area the snowmobiles occupy. It is concerning to me how much acreage is being considered for motorized recreation. Please give equal consideration to non-motorized recreation.