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Comments: I am submitting my comment as a Creede native (3rd generation) that enjoys all of the recreational opportunities that the Rio Grande National Forest offers. Both motorized and non-motorized.

I am opposed to any restrictions for OSVs on all of the designated "Groomed Snowmobile Trails" shown on the Desired Winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum, Divide Ranger District April 24, 2024 Map. I am also requesting that you consider adding all motorized trails/roads including all NFS roads that allow OHV travel during non-winter months for Designated OSV areas in the higher elevations when there is adequate snow depths. Two examples of these areas are the road to the Rio Grande Reservoir to Stony Pass and Fern Creek road up to Baldy Mountain. Areas like these offer exceptional terrain for OHVs that are not crowded or overused offering great user experiences.

I can see no justification for restricting OSVs in areas that OHVs are allowed considering the negative impacts OHVs have to the environment (land, water, weeds etc.) compared to the extremely limited to no impact that OSVs have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Randy McClure