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Comments: Please consider allocating a significant area to the west of Hwy17 between the Colorado Border and the Rio de Los Pinos as closed to OSVs. Also the area around Spruce Hole Yurt and Grouse Creek yurt. My understanding is that at one time OSVs mainly stayed to the east of Hwy17 and x-c skiers/snowshoers stayed to the west. Maybe this was myth or maybe an unwritten gentleman's agreement. I never saw signage to that effect, but it used to be pretty uncommon to see snowmobile traffic on the west side of the highway except right around Cumbres Pass and the flats between Grouse Creek and the Red Lake Rd.

Although OSVs probably are not adversely affected by the presence of x-c skiers, the reverse is not true. The exhaust and noise from OSVs have a significant impact on what would otherwise be a pristine experience.