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Comments: I am commenting in regards to the winter travel management plan to highlight the importance to myself and my family of over the snow motorized travel. Snowmobiling has huge impact on the families of SW Colorado, it allows multiple generations of a family to get together in the outdoors to build and maintain family relationships. It is one of the few outdoor recreational activity that can be enjoyed in the backcountry by youth through elderly. This past winter we got to experience our daughter teaching her great grandmother how to ride a snowmobile at 90 years old. The same education I want to be able to pass down to my daughter and son through teaching them to ride technical terrain in a safe and respectful manner. Access to the forest is imperative to the youth of today who are too often kept indoors and away from nature. Over the snow travel allows our family to visit the forest during all seasons and teach our children the importance of protecting the natural environment. Restricting snowmobiling a further would put the enjoyment of the backcountry in jeopardy. The public has the perception that snowmobiles can go whenever they wish while in reality terrain and existing boundaries limit the "rideable" terrain to just a fraction of the area. Please protect the access we currently have and consider expanding over the snow travel into additional areas via infrastructure improvements.