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Comments: As more and more people are recreating in the Rio Grande National Forest, it is imperative that a robust management plan be implemented as quickly as possible. Action is needed to protect against stress on wildlife, avoid damage to natural resources and to limit conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users. As a Nordic skier, I am deeply concerned with the lack of areas designated for non-motorized use only. Snow mobiles are increasingly able to travel throughout the National Forest, causing undue damage to the environment while also creating unsafe conditions for skiers. More areas must be set aside for non-motorized use, both to insure the safety of skiers and snow-shoers but also to limit the impact on wildlife and on the environment that supports them.