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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Rio Grande National Forest Over-Snow Management Planning scoping documents. I'm available to assist in this process to assist in developing the best long term plan for all users of our National Forests and specifically as it relates to the areas in and around the Cumbres Pass. I enjoy time spent in this area and considered a multi-use active participant in a number of activities (motorized and non-motorized). I've had the opportunity to mountain bike the Continental Divide Trail, bike pack on the CDT from Cumbres Pass to Hopewell Lake, hike the CDT with family and visitors, x-country ski in the Trujillo Meadows area, participate in the Chama Chile Classic (and volunteer), ride the Cumbres-Toltec Train to Osier, snowmobile in the area, and 4x4 on Forest Service Roads in the summer.

Most of our snowmobiling activities are in and around Forest Road 87 (south) into New Mexico and we enjoy the freedom to ride in that area.

One area that the scoping documents suggests to be closed to OSV vehicles appears to be in the area around the Cumbres Pass Nordic ski Trails (Chama Chile Classic Course). I agree with closing this area to OSV use, however, limited OSV use should be allowed to set and maintain the Nordic track.

I am against closing the Trujillo Meadows area to OSV traffic. There are a number of remote cabins in the area that owners access only by OSV. There are a number of "beginner" type snowmobile trails that we use to access the Trujillo Meadows Reservoir. When we encounter Nordic Skiers and other users on trails, our group of snowmobilers slow down, are respectful, safe and cautious.

Regarding the Continental Divide Trail, it is difficult to determine what activities/buffer areas is proposed for this trail. Can you provide additional information regarding proposed activities/buffer for the CDT?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and participate in developing a long-term plan for all users of Forest Service land.