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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to adopt Alternative 4. This alternative strikes the best balance by maintaining motorized access in appropriate areas while expanding protections for wildlife, reducing recreation conflicts, and designating nearly 400,000 additional acres for non-motorized recreation. I especially support the non-motorized zones around the yurts in the Cumbres/La Manga Pass area.

I also ask that Spruce Hole Road (FR 108) be designated as a non-motorized road and trail. It is one of the few places where cross-country skiers and snowshoers can reliably experience the quiet and solitude that define backcountry winter recreation. The road also provides access to popular telemark skiing terrain, and preserving its non-motorized character is essential.

Finally, I ask that non-motorized zones be established around all of the yurts in the Cumbres/La Manga area.

I have enjoyed backcountry skiing in and around these yurts for well over a decade, and they are among my favorite winter destinations. The peace, silence, and sense of being immersed in a truly wild landscape are what make these places special. Introducing regular motorized traffic around the yurts would fundamentally change that experience, diminishing the solitude that so many of us seek. It would also undermine the value of the yurt system itself and could negatively affect the organizations and businesses that invest so much time and effort into maintaining these incredible community resources.

Please protect these unique winter recreation opportunities by adopting Alternative 4, designating FR 108 as non-motorized, and ensuring non-motorized buffers around all of the yurts in the Cumbres/La Manga area.