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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Rio Grande National Forest Winter Travel Management Plan.

I have been a cross country skier at Cumbres and La Manga Passes and the trails around the yurts in the region (Spruce Hole, Grouse Creek, Flat Mountain, Neff Mountain, and Trujillo Meadows) since 2018. It has been so delightful.

It is very important for the Travel Management Plan to provide minimization of user conflicts. Snow machines are very loud and diminish quiet activities like skiing and snowshoeing. It is very important for the Travel Management Plan to communicate different areas for these very different kinds of uses. Protecting quiet user areas also supports wildlife protection.

Please designate areas around each yurt as not allowed for over snow vehicles. In addition, please designate Forest Road 108 as no access for over snow vehicles. If over snow vehicles are allowed at the Spruce Hole parking lot (start of Forest Road 108) - they will essentially take up all of the existing parking space (it's a small parking lot) - eliminating the possibility for quiet recreation to Spruce Hole, Pinorealosa Peak, and Spruce Hole Yurt.

I hope you will consider these comments in drafting the final plan. Please support quiet winter recreation - cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Thank you for your support.