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Comments: I support maintaining existing snowmobile access throughout the Rio Grande National Forest unless the Forest Service can demonstrate, with site-specific evidence, that restrictions are necessary to protect resources or public safety. Existing access has provided valuable recreational opportunities for decades while supporting local businesses and winter tourism. The analysis should place significant emphasis on maintaining trail connectivity because isolated closures can eliminate access to much larger riding areas. Finally, the Forest Service should fully evaluate the economic impacts to surrounding communities and the public safety consequences of concentrating riders into fewer designated areas before selecting a final alternative.

My family has ridden the Wolf Creek area for many years. We choose this area because of its reliable snow, extensive riding opportunities, and connected trail system. We purchase fuel, meals, lodging, and supplies in nearby communities, contributing to the local winter economy. The existing access has allowed us to safely introduce new riders and enjoy Colorado's backcountry while respecting seasonal closures and other users.