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NAME	ALLOWED	ELEV.	LEVEL	TRAILS/AREA	DIRECTIONS	PARKING	INFORMATION
1. Beaver Meadows & First Notch Loop		7,500' - 10,000'	● ■	25+ miles groomed	Beaver Meadows: From Bayfield, go 7 mi. east on Hwy 160; turn north on FS#135; go 2 mi. First Notch: From Bayfield, go 14 mi. east on Hwy 160; turn north on FS#620; go 1 mi.	Beaver Meadows parking is roadside. First Notch has parking lot on right - if not plowed, park roadside.	Two access points from Hwy 160. Groomed by San Juan Sledders Club.
2. East Vallecito XC Ski Trails		7,700'	■	10-15K groomed trails	From Bayfield, go 13 mi. north on CR 501 to the dam at Vallecito. Turn right, go across dam, & go 2 mi. to TH.	Roadside parking - do not block the turn-around area.	Loops groomed by Vallecito Nordic Club. Toilet, directional signs, donation box.
3. Middle Mountain		7,800' - 11,400'	■	12 mi. groomed	From Bayfield, go 18 mi. north on CR 501 to FS#724 at north end of Vallecito Reservoir	Roadside parking only.	Groomed by San Juan Sledders Club. Snowmobiles prohibited in adjacent Weminuche Wilderness.
4. Vallecito Trail		7,900' - 8,500'	■ ◆	Narrow & steep trail - out & back. Cliff dropoffs farther up.	From Bayfield, go 18 mi. north on CR 501 & left on CR 500 for 3 mi. From Durango, go 24 mi. east on CR 240 to CR 501 & 500 to Vallecito CG.	Plowed parking lot at Vallecito CG (plowing may be delayed by heavy snow).	Trail is in Weminuche Wilderness - skis or snowshoes ONLY - NO snowmobiles. Toilet open at TH. Avalanche danger.
5. Lemon Reservoir		8,200' - 11,200'	■	8 mi. groomed on FS#597, 2 mi. groomed in CG loop	From Bayfield, go 9 mi. north on CR 501. Turn east on CR 240, go 3 mi., turn north on CR 243 to end. From Durango, go 18 mi. via CR 240, 243.	Road is plowed to 1-2 mi. north of reservoir. Roadside parking.	Groomed by San Juan Sledders. Snowmobiles prohibited in adjacent Weminuche Wilderness. Toilet open at Miller Creek Day-Use Area.
6. Missionary Ridge		7,200' - 10,500'	■	21 mi. of road groomed	From Durango, take CR 250 9 mi. to Missionary Ridge Road (FS#682). Go 2 mi. past homes.	Roadside parking.	Groomed by San Juan Sledders Club. Don't drive past plowed area.
7. Haviland Lake & Chris Park		8,100'	●	3-5 mi. ungroomed trails & roads	From Durango, go 17 mi. north on Hwy 550. Turn right at Haviland Lake.	Plowed parking area available.	Commercial sleigh rides operate in area. Do not drive past gate.
8. Old Lime Creek Road		8,700' - 9,600'	■	10-12 mi. ungroomed	From Durango, go 27 mi. north on Hwy 550 to FS#591; turn right.	Roadside parking - do not block driveways.	Private homes first 2 mi. Do not trespass. Commercial snowmobiles operate in area. Avalanche danger.
9. Molas Pass Winter Recreation Area		10,600' - 11,200'	■ ◆	23 mi. groomed trails (200 acres set aside for non-motorized use at Andrews Lake)	From Durango, go north 40 mi. on Hwy 550 to the top of Molas Pass. (Parking spots are plowed but heavy snowfall can delay plowing).	Roadside parking at Andrews & Little Molas - Parking lots at Molas Pass & Molas Lake.	Motorized & nonmotorized areas posted. Trails groomed by Silverton Snowmobile Club. Commercial snowmobile & snowcat operations in the area. Toilet open at Molas Pass.
10. South Mineral		9,400' - 9,800'	■	4+ mi. sometimes groomed	From Silverton, go north on Hwy 550 for 2 mi. Turn left on FS#585.	Parking is roadside only.	Snowmobiles must stay on roads. Avalanche danger.
11. La Plata Canyon		8,700' - 11,000'	■	5+ mi. ungroomed	From Durango, go 10 mi. west on Hwy 160, turn north on CR 124 & go 5 mi. to end of plowed road.	Plowed parking area adjacent to road. Do not drive past plowed area.	Toilet open on west side of Snowslide CG. Avalanche danger. Do not trespass on private property.