



# Winter Travel Guidelines In Washington Gulch

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Washington Gulch is a multi-use recreation area shared and enjoyed by back country skiers, snowmobile riders, snowshoe enthusiasts, and ski tourists alike. Remember to observe all posted signs in the area. Visitors bear the responsibility for knowing where they are at all times. Violations of the management guidelines are enforceable.

## The following regulations and guidelines are in effect:

- All snowmobiles and riders must have an annual USFS permit to ride in Washington Gulch. (36 CFR 261.53e)
- **All visitors must respect private land!** Everyone must remain on the road until reaching the National Forest boundary, located about 1 mile up from the trailhead.
- At the National Forest boundary, snowmobile riders can use the road, and the east (Gothic mountain) side of the road, until reaching the Elkton Hills skier area. The west side of the road is closed to snowmobiles in Washington Gulch. (36 CFR 261.56)
- Public land on Anthracite Mesa and the Coneys Ridge area is reserved as skier domain. Snowmobiles are prohibited from this area. (36 CFR 261.56)
- Elkton Town site and Elkton cabins are on private land. Snowmobile riders must stay on Washington Gulch Road #811 through Elkton, unless permission has been granted by the landowners.
- The area shown on the map labeled "Elkton Hills" is closed to snowmobiles. This area is managed to provide quality backcountry ski experience for the general public. (36 CFR 261.56)
- Gunnison County regulations prohibit commercial snowmobile rentals at the Washington Gulch Trailhead.
- The Rock Springs creek drainage on Mount Baldy is within the Gothic corridor and is closed to winter motorized use. (36 CFR 261.56)

**Please Remember! This special area is managed to provide a quality experience for *all* visitors. No amount of regulation or enforcement can substitute for basic courtesy and respect.**

