Research: Outdoor recreation disrupts wildlife

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Hikers and skiers might want to think twice before criticizing motorcyclists and snowmobilers for disrupting the environment.

Research recently compiled by Colorado State University found virtually every type of outdoor recreation has potential to harm wildlife, with non-motorized activity showing more documented negative effects motorized sports.

The findings were part of a scientific review published last month that looked at the effects of recreation in protected areas on wildlife.

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