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Comments:

I would like to provide my input on the proposed closures and limits in the Rico Dolores area. It has come to my attention that various property owners, resort owners and the town or Rico have put pressure on the Forest Service to close/limit OHV activity in the area. This reminds me of a situation where I grew up in San Diego. There was a Naval air station, Miramar north of town. Developers decided cheap (relatively) land plus some tract homes would be a good idea. Folks bought these houses in droves then decided that the Air Base had to go. Folks, those planes had been flying since the 1940s, YOU bought the house, YOU moved next to the station how is that fair. The failed of course, as should the entitled lawsuit happy people in this case.

The same situation is happening in Rico, resorts don't want the noise, new property owners are building houses and all of a sudden want a quiet forest to vacation in.

Opportunities to enjoy OHV activity are ever decreasing, limiting access in a world where OHVs are a growing community just doesn't make sense. Let's face it, those roads have been there for years, why start closing them just to placate some deep pocket people who are recent arrivals and have the money to harass the Forest Service with lawsuits. Please stand up for the rights of existing users and fight back.

I will admit that this does not really affect me, I am a Jeep and mountain bike user but this mindset is pervasive and will affect me in other areas so I am adding my voice.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Dave