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Proposed Travel Plan Concerns

Dolores Ranger District,

While there are routes being opened, these are insufficient to offset loss of existing motorized trails. My specific concerns on this plan are:

1. Loss of motorized access to the Winter trail is allegedly based on user conflicts with non-motorized community. I do not believe this is proper as there is a long history of motorized usage on the route and there is a small and vocal opposition to the motorized access to the area.
2. Seasonal closures of routes for wildlife issues should only be in areas where there is winter range for deer and elk. Closure of the entire district will not benefit wildlife as most of the district is not winter range.
3. Loss of motorized access to the Ryman Creek Trail is significant - while I understand maintenance issues in the area, options to maintain motorized access should be explored.
4. I support the proposed new motorized trails in the plan and urge you not to remove these routes in any revision.

Regards,
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