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Bear Creek

I am writing to express my opinion on the Bear Creek drainage in the Dolores River Basin.

Bear creek is unique in that it is the only stream in the Dolores River Drainage that does not have a road running along it.

As a fly fisherman I appreciate the 'quiet' experience. to have motorcycles racing by negates that. Motorcycles have many roads and trails on public lands that are available to them. Lets reserve one creek for the quiet zone. Not only fisherman, but hikers, picnickers, horsemen and backpackers deserve one small section to remain free of motorized travel.

Wildlife too would appreciate an area free of the noise and stench of motorcycles. I believe studies done by wildlife biologist indicate that Elk need a five miles from a road to feel truly un pressured.

And there is also the reality of motorcyclist being less than considerate of those sharing the trail. I have been pushed off trails on several occasions by motorcyclists charging down the trail with complete disdain of those sharing the forest. It's as if they know that a twist of the throttle will carry them far from any they have offended.

Thanks

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