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Comments:

I am writing to support alternative E of the Travel Management Project for Rico/West Dolores Roads and Trails. It is essential that we protect and conserve wildlife habitat in these pristine roadless areas. It is also critical that we support quiet use recreation, and that we acknowledge the rights of outfitters and the public to experience these wilderness areas without the noise pollution and erosion caused by motorcycle traffic. Specifically, the East Fork trail should be closed to motorcycles. There is already a connector route in use. Bear Crekk should be protected and well as the Northern Calico Trail. I have spent much time hiking in these areas, they contain herds of elk, native cutthroat trout, fox, alpine tundra. Please protect the area and recognize that motorcycles already have plenty of area to the east and west of the town of Dolores. Thank you. Caroline Johnson