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Dear Debbie Kill,

I am a member of the American Motorcyclist Association writing to add my voice to those commenting in support of continued motorized recreational access in the San Juan National Forest Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rico-West Delores Roads and Trails Project.

I support the San Juan Trail Riders and Trail Preservation Alliance's modified option C as the plan that makes the most sense among the five offered in the DEIS. Benefits of the modified option C include:

- A practical balance of motorized and non-motorized access, which was acknowledged following a previous challenge by non-motorized activists
- Users' preferences for safer, more satisfying loop trails.
- The well-documented willingness of motorized users to volunteer to perform trail maintenance, using funds derived largely from OHV State Recreation funds and special OHV grants.
- A trail system that is likely to encourage not only continued use and maintenance by the local trail-riding community, but also a destination for OHV enthusiasts whose tourist dollars will bolster the local economy.

Please document my support of SJTR/TPA's modified option C. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Erickson