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To Whom it may concern,

It has been a decade now since moving to the area. We live in such a beautiful and naturally diverse area. Recreational activities and opportunities abound. Hikers, bikers, runners, hunters and horseback riders can choose from the many hundreds of miles of trail in the four corners area. High desert to high mountains and all the peaks and valleys in between. Unfortunately, motorized access has been severely limited in the area. Dirt bikers have few quality trail options for single track. Pole Creek outside of Silverton, the Hermosa trail with Dutch and Jones, Aztec and Farmintonation BLM, limited Mancos trails and the Rico trail system. As far as true high country riding, the Rico trails are among the only option we have. Pole Creek, while amazing, is only 20 or so miles. Rico riding is unique and special to riders here and around the country. The local economy depends on groups of these tourists and day trippers. Local riders are also the ones typically clearing trail in late spring of debris and downed timber. Not only do other trail users benefit from this, but so do management officials who have limited resources for such work. More than any other group of trail users, dirt bikers in the area are the greatest stewards. I have personally cleared trail, assisted mtn bikers with repairs, ridden injured hikers to trailheads for help, given trail condition and direction information to lost hikers. Working with the local riders in the area to address usage/access concerns in order to keep trails open to motors is a far better option for all users.