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I am writing to express support for designating non-motorized trails in the Rico West Dolores area. I am a local citizen who enjoys human-powered recreation in the area (hiking, biking and cross-country skiing). While I agree that there should be some trails available for motorized users, there need to be other areas that are preserved for non-motorized use, both to retain the quiet nature of the trails (for humans and animals) and to prevent excessive degradation of the trails. I support restricting the open season for motorized use where appropriate.

As vehicles get ever more powerful, and user numbers continue to increase, it is important to establish a baseline set of rules and expectations in which the forest trails can be fairly shared by a variety of users. Areas with heavy motorized use are not attractive to those of us who prefer to enjoy the quiet of the forest under human power.