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Travel Management-Rico West Dolores Road and Trails

Thank you for providing the opportunity to make public comments on the Draft EIS currently before us.

Anyone that has recreated in this vast remote network of roads and trails finds the Boggy Glade an enchanting area. Please do not allow this unique corner of SW Colorado to be over run with motorized users who very disproportionately add noise, exhaust and ruts to this gentle environment. The wildlife, true backcountry hunters, hikers, bicyclists and other quiet users deserve ample area and roads set aside for them without the threat or intrusion of motorized users. Motorcycles, dirt bikes and the ever-growing ATV presence have a way of completely interrupting a nature enthusiast's enjoyment in the great out of doors. Please separate these competing populations as has been done with snowmobiles and cross country skiers (in many places) to avoid potential conflicts and to allow each to their own enjoyment. And know that more and more quiet havens will be needed in the future as our populations and noisy worlds grow.

Wildlife, watershed and climate change issues cannot be downplayed. The wildlife need every possible consideration and I applaud the efforts to incorporate the seasonal closures. Watershed science is ever evolving as is wildlife biology; climate change issues are center and front row today. Even cities and millennials are shedding obsessions with motorized vehicles. We live in an extraordinary part of Colorado. Let's keep it as beautiful and serene as possible.

Thank you for your work on these issues and your dedication to our National Forest treasures!

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