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Comments on Rico-West Dolores Travel Management Plan

I support the reasoning and concerns for limiting motorized use expressed by the Back Country Hunters and Anglers regarding input for the Rico-West Dolores Travel Management Plan. Most of the trails in this area were built years ago and were not designed for motorized use. The excessive speed of motorcyclists along with the inability to stay off trails when conditions are wet, not only tears up trails, spreads noxious weeds and disturbs wildlife, but poses a serious safety risk to hikers and especially equestrians.

The US Forest Service can't keep up now with trail maintenance and the damage caused by off road vehicles. Why open up more land to this kind of abuse at the expense of other low impact users along with wildlife disturbance and watershed damage?

Picture yourself on a horse on one of these narrow trails when a 500cc motorcycle comes tearing around the bend toward you. No, opening up these trails to motorized use is just a bad, unsafe idea.

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