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Comments:

The San Juan national forest has historically done an excellent job of accommodating multiple user groups; hunters, hikers, mountain bikers, OHV user and horse riders. Of these, only 1 group is perennially threatened by a reduction in trail access, single-track oriented motorcycle riders.

The argument that motorcycles create the most damage is unproven. Frankly, it is obvious that the most trail damage is created by horses and packers. Despite the fact that much damage is in fact caused by USFS permitted packers in wilderness areas, they are rarely held accountable for trail conditions. As a hiker and hunter, I find most wilderness trails in the San Juan national forest too disgusting to hike or hunt from. Covered in horse excrement, creek crossings are a fly inundated quagmire of urine saturated mud, hardly what I would consider a quality "wilderness experience".

It is difficult for me to comprehend why horses would continue to get access privileges while the USFS considers reducing access to what amounts to a minuscule portion of motorized single-track trails on the forest.

Further, the forest continues to create new mountain bike trails around Durango and Dolores, arguably the most common and disruptive presence on those trails. For the sake of fairness, I hope the San Juan National Forest will retain all currently identified motorized trails. Anything less than that is simply discrimination against a small, poorly understood user group. All of these trails are relics, many created by motorcycles up to 5 decades ago. The number of wilderness and roadless areas continue to grow in general, and as hunter I appreciate this. However, in the grand scheme, the forest holds very few motorized single-track trails, with little to no hope of any new trails ever being considered in the future. It is incumbent on the USFS to retain our heritage of use. Again, anything less than that is social discrimination.