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Comments:

I have lived in the southern part of San Miguel County for 20+ years. I am an avid hiker of many trails in the area, including the trails covered by the travel management plan. As a hiker, I have a lot of options for trails where motorized use is not permitted, and I don't feel like any change in management is necessary for the Rico Dolores area trails.

I have not noticed a significant difference between the condition of the non-motorized trails I use, such as Hope Lake, and the motorized trails. If any trail is not properly maintained, it will degrade. If motorized traffic is prohibited from these trails, OHV funds can't be used and then who will pay for maintenance? I know many of the riders from our area who regularly clear these trails of deadfall. If the majority of the trails are closed to them, who will cut out those trees several times a summer? Last I heard, the Forest Service's budget isn't increasing any time soon.

As a hiker, I have a ton of trails available to me. I don't have a problem sharing a small fraction of these trails with other users, including horses, mountain bikers and dirt bikers.