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Hello, I'm writing in support of alternative C. I primarily ride a mountain bike on these trails. Over the years I have seen both trail improvements and also trail deterioration as a result of motorcycle use. Primarily due to travel on muddy trails and steep grades. Alternative C appears to be a common sense approach to these issues.

These are some specific reasons for endorsing alternative C:

- * Closing Winter trail to motorized travel makes sense because it is frequently muddy. This was once a nice trail but has become entrenched and difficult to use.
- * Adding approved contiguous motorcycle use on spring creek from Stoner mesa to Taylor mesa, and the spring creek connection on Taylor mesa, creates a nice motorcycle loop that could potentially reduce the motorized traffic on Calico. Also, the motorcycle traffic would improve this otherwise seldom used and overgrown section of trail. The trail condition of twin springs has improved from the additional motorcycle traffic making it easier to navigate and a nicer trail surface. Additionally, it provides a better option for connecting Spring creek to Priest gulch without significant road miles.
- * Motorcycle users have a good track record for clearing downed trees from these trails. The seasonal closures in alternative C allow access close to when the trail typically dries out to continue clearing these trees. Other more limited seasonal closures would put an additional burden on other user groups and the FS to get these trails cleared when these resources could be better used in other trail improvement projects.

Other suggestions:

- * I would suggest educational signage with the preferred direction for motorcycle users to ride some of these trails. There are some trails that would be better ridden downhill only by motorcycle traffic because of the steep grades and moisture as long as it didn't interrupt the best direction to ride an overall loop. If there is not guidance then unfamiliar users may inadvertently damage the trail by going a direction that results in more trail damage. The switchbacks at the south end of Stoner mesa is one that comes to mind.

Some trail re-alignments suggestions to improve the existing system for all proposed users:

- * I think Ryman should be the primary focus for a trail re-alignment out of all these trails. There is not a trail with better potential for an uphill option to access the Colorado Trail. Re-aligning the trail so there is a continuous moderate grade would make this the best singletrack uphill access to the Colorado trail along the southwest side of 145.
- * I think the south end of Calico (Or Tenderfoot trail) should be a primary focus for a trail re-alignment on the north side of 145. Re-aligning Calico for uphill traffic so there is a continuous moderate grade up to the Junction with upper Priest Gulch would create a nice loop and provide options to loop back down a variety of different trails. This would also result in a more sustainable trail for all the uses proposed.
- * The north end of Calico needs re-aligned out of the swampy areas that require continual maintenance if there is a suitable alternative route.

Thank you, Shawn Gregory