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To whom it may concern,

As a backpacker, hiker, and mountain biker living in southwest Colorado, I am writing to comment on the Rico West Dolores Travel Management Plan.

I wish that there was an alternative that would allow much less motorized use in this area, but because that option does not exist I would recommend Alternative E with seasonal closing dates of July 1 - Sept 8.

As a quiet user of the San Juan National forest I have to say that having so much motorized use in the area diminishes the quality of my experience, and negatively impacts wildlife and breaks up wildlife corridors.

I would like to see the East Fork Trail be a non-motorized trail- the only fork of the Dolores that could be non-motorized, it should not be part of a loop/connector for motorized use because there is already a road that goes to the same place. The Bear Creek Trail used to be an excellent mountain bike trail before all of the motorized traffic.

Please consider reducing the overall motorized use in this area, and leave some areas quiet. Because quite is why we go into the mountains.

Sincerely,

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