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West Dolores EIS

Debbie,

My family owns a 40 acre parcel of land on the Dolores River south of Priest Gulch that we purchased in 1971. My wife and I bought a home in Rico five years ago. We have enjoyed more than 45 years of hiking, biking and horse back riding in the mountains from Lizard Head Pass to Stoner Creek. With great regret we have seen the steady deterioration of the trails, especially those above timberline, as more and more motorized vehicles are being used off road. Although we are strongly in support of the limitations that Alternative E would make on motorcycle access, in particular to the Bear Creek watershed, we are also very concerned about the proposal to keep the Burnett Creek 641 connection to the Calico trail open and add a new route along the railroad grade to the Montelores Bridge. We believe that Alternative E together with closure of the Burnett Creek 641 connection is needed to prevent further deterioration to trails and impact to wildlife in this very special and vulnerable part of the San Juan National Forest. Please consider amending Alternative E to eliminate motorized access to Burnett Creek and the railroad grade to Montelores Bridge.

Thank you for your consideration,

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