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I am in support of the comment letter the Rico Trails Alliance submitted in regards to management plan ALTERNATIVES B or C, with some variations, as outlined below:

1. Develop Rio Grand Southern 3 as a non-motorized trail;
2. Close Burnett Creek to motorized use and allow motorized use of Horse Creek or Wildcat instead;
3. Decommission only unusable portions of Upper Ryman Creek and allow for an alternative Lower/Upper Ryman interconnect;
4. Close motorized use of East Fork (638) until damaged areas are repaired/rerouted;

I have been a resident of the Telluride/Rico area for 20 years and more recently to Rico over the last 9 years. Specifically motorized access should be prohibited on all of Burnett Creek and allowed on Horse Creek and/or Wildcat trails instead. Horse Creek and Wildcat are better options than having motorized use on Burnett because the Burnett trailhead can only be accessed through a quiet residential neighborhood located directly in the town of Rico. Horse Creek presently has an adequate staging area at the bottom of the road at highway 145. Both Horse Creek and Wildcat provide access between Calico and Highway 145 without disruption and safety hazards like those that would impact the town of Rico and its residents if motorized access were to be allowed on Burnett Creek. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sophia Kyriakakis