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Re: TRAVEL MANAGEMENT - RICO WEST DOLORES ROADS AND TRAILS PROJECT

Dear Mr. Padilla:

I am a long time resident and witnessed the changes and impact that increased use has on our local mountain trails.

Last winter, a group of outdoor enthusiasts and representatives from the Town of Rico formed the Rico Trails Alliance ("RTA") as a Colorado nonprofit and 501(c)(3) organization. RTA's mission is to promote local and regional non-motorized trails in and around the historic Town of Rico.

I have reviewed and I support their recommendations included below.

Adopting management plan ALTERNATIVES B or C, with some variations, would be the best approach to accomplishing this. Specifically, RTA would like the Forest Service to adopt a travel management plan that incorporates the following:

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; and
5. Allow motorized use of West Fall Creek (640).

For more detailed description of the RTA recommendations, please refer to their letter dated August 7, 2017. I appreciate your concern and thoughtful management review process.

Respectfully yours,

Laurie Adams