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Rico West Dolores Roads and Trails Project

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I'm writing to comment on the SDEIS for the Rico/West Dolores Roads and Trails Management Plan.

I feel that Alternative E is the best option to protect habitat and wildlife values. And protection of the resource is the highest and some (including me) would say the only relevant priority. Human uses should always be subservient and secondary priorities to management that result in a healthy, sustainable ecosystems. More specifically, Alternative E should be adopted with the recommended July 1st to September 8th motorized seasonal closure. I would urge you to designate Burnett Creek, Eagle Peak (already has extensive resource damage) and Rough Canyon (concern with vehicle induced erosion compromising the watershed) as non-motorized areas. While only a small percentage of visitors to this watershed employ motorized travel the impact is all out of proportion to the actual number of visitors, i.e., noise, dust, fumes, trail erosion, etc. There are already many miles of recreational motorized trails designated in adjacent travel management areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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