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Comments: To who it may concern: having read the revised GMUG Forest Plan, I am in general agreement with the objectives it contains. I am very much in favor of expanded recreational opportunities. More trails, especially more loop trails for motorized and mechanized recreation are needed. The Uncompahgre Plateau is an example of an underutilized area in this respect--there are numerous additional trail opportunities in that vast landscape.

I am very much not in favor of closing trail opportunities to one group to prioritize another. If there are conflicts between user groups, education and additional trails are the answer, not closure. I am also not in favor of draconian seasonal closures to particular groups. The reason given for seasonal closures is usually wildlife protection, but this is fatuous when it does not apply to all users. If dirt bikes are banned but I can still trail run with my off-leash dogs, it's not really about the wildlife.

Motorized noise is certainly an issue that must be considered. I encourage the USFS to enforce the current rules regarding allowable sound levels before resorting to closure to address the issue. As with many issues, it seems that this one could be mitigated by adhering to rules currently on the books rather than writing new ones. The lack of enforcement of current rules is a real problem. In 24 years of riding, biking and hiking in the GMUG I have seen a ranger in the field twice.

Thanks you for your consideration.