



# BOULDER MOUNTAINBIKE ALLIANCE



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By Email

Sylvia Clark, District Ranger  
Boulder Ranger District  
United States Forest Service  
2140 Yarmouth Avenue  
Boulder, CO 80301

Re: Forsythe II Project

Dear Ranger Clark:

Thank you for the opportunity for Boulder Mountainbike Alliance (BMA) to comment on this proactive approach in managing our public lands.

The land that lies within the Forsythe II project area has long been overlooked by the USFS from a management perspective. With the Magnolia Trails Project and Boulder County purchasing private lands adjacent to USFS lands, opportunities now exist to manage and utilize these lands for the better public good.

Much of the Forsythe II project area is also within the Magnolia Trails Project Area. This fact presents challenges with regard to implementation of a trails plan because landscape-scale changes have yet to occur in the project area. Social trail development has gone unchecked as well, indicating that this land has had extensive recreational use. We think that recreational use should continue, but with a trails system that is managed, sustainable and and delivers a high-quality user experience.

To that end, BMA strongly recommends:

- A full and complete inventory of the social trail system should be conducted and should not be any older than 6 months before project commencement. Changes to the landscape continue to occur.

- Once the landscape scale changes are complete, work with the community and Boulder County Parks Open Space to agree on a trails system that will serve as a baseline of access.
- Work with BCPOS on a regional trail that would link Boulder with Nederland. Such a trail is very likely to traverse the Forsythe II project area.
- Secure the funding and partnerships that will make this plan a reality.

BMA stands ready to partner with USFS and the BRD in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

Steve Watts, Executive Director  
Adam Sher, President  
Boulder Mountainbike Alliance