



United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
Dolores Ranger District

RE: Rico Trails Project, Draft Environmental Assessment

March 13, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

For over 30 years, the Telluride Mountain Club's (TMtC) mission has been to advocate for safe, accessible, enjoyable and respectful opportunities for human-powered recreational activities in the Telluride region, through education, awareness and collaboration.

TMtC represents a community of enthusiastic outdoor-minded individuals in the area surrounding Telluride, Colorado. We have a network of over 1,600 people and reach a large number of locals, second homeowners, and visitors each year through events, education, awareness campaigns and stewardship programs. TMtC is active in trails planning and execution in the Telluride area and supports the Rico Trails Alliance and new trails in Rico, Colorado.

TMtC supports the amended proposed action of the project as analyzed by the United States Forest Service. Additionally, we support the findings outlined via the environmental assessment process. TMtC echoes the comments provided by the Rico Trails Alliance in regards to the draft assessment.

Having a well thought out and linked community of trail systems in our broader region will only strengthen our individual trail systems and goals. Consequently, the Telluride Mountain Club supports the Rico Trails Project as outlined by the Draft Environmental Assessment.

Thank you for your consideration,

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