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Objections to DRAFT Record of Decision for the Pike and San Isabel National Forests Motorized Travel Management (“MVUM”) Analysis and Final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”)

The following objections are being submitted regarding the Record of Decision (“ROD”) for implementing the selected alternative (“Alternative C”) for the Pike and San Isabel National Forests (“PSINF”) Public Motor Vehicle Use Final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”).

We are submitting these objections on behalf of the Park County Mining Association.

1. Comment 3171 – 5 Failed to respond and address key stakeholder’s position.

The membership of the Park County Mining Association is comprised of individual members who own private property used for mining, have active unpatented mining claims or support mining in Park County. Access for this membership-based association is critical to its purpose.

2. The permit system is unduly burdensome.

Members of the association are now faced to obtaining fee-based permits for access when none have every been acquired in the past.

3. The focus of the MVUM is recreational based and does not properly address all uses.

The MVUM "Alternate C" over emphasizes recreational use of the forest service's trail system. No exception is listed for mining purposes.

4. Park County Mining Association supports and incorporates by reference the comments made by members John Reiber and Patrick Schilken.