

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Geoff Heller and I am a ten year resident of Gunnison County and a fifth generation Coloradoan born and raised in Del Norte. I am an avid motorcycle rider, mountain biker, skier, hiker, and hunter. I feel very fortunate to recreate daily in the Gunnison National Forest. I spend many of my free hours in the summer carrying a chainsaw and clearing single-track trails in/near Brush Creek, Cement Creek, Spring Creek, and Taylor Park.

Our Public Lands are the main reason why I enjoy living here. I love having the ability to ride a motorcycle or mountain bike on our local trail system. That is why I strongly support GMUG alternative C – It appears as though it is the closest thing to our current management plan with perhaps more flexibility for additional recreation development.

I am extremely opposed to Alternative D - Adding more roadless/wilderness to our National Forest is a disaster. As we see more and more people taking advantage of the outdoor opportunities here, we are going to see more and more people on the trails. If we close any of the current trails, we are going to increase usage on our trail system. We need to add more multi-use single-track to spread the population out and help keep the density low. This will create a more sustainable trail system. Our forest currently offers approximately 50% roadless/wilderness for folks that want to venture without seeing a bicycle or dirt bike – That is more than enough.

Sincerely,  
Geoff Heller