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Thank you for the Travel Management meeting several nights ago and for the opportunity to comment. My comments are few:

Beam Gulch: I spoke with one ranger about the branch of the motorized trail that heads to the east up the mountain toward Elk Creek. This road years ago was closed. I asked a ranger about the reasons for removing the closure. He did not know the reasons and, with me, regretted the removal. That trail seems to be extending itself through use up the mountain and onto the open ridges at the top. My recommendation is that a foolproof barrier be erected at some point on that trail, hopefully as close to the fork from the main trail as possible but surely before the trail reaches those open ridges, which are very vulnerable..

Sulfur Creek: I was happy to see the closure and want specifically to second the idea of having it closed where folks can turn around well short of the private property. That trail is very narrow near the property. I understand that the reason for the closure is the private ownership of the land, but I hope there is a record maintained of the four-wheeling violations in the basin above that property. That was also a strong reason, at least to a number of people, for the change.

Many thanks for this opportunity and for all of your work,  
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