


GARY & SANDRA CHANDLER



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Shane Jeffries, Forest Supervisor
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RE: Lemon Gulch Trails Project

This letter is in response to the notice of the EA for the Lemon Gulch Trails Project on Lemon Creek. We request a NO ACTION alternative for the following reasons:

- Location is in a prime elk and deer birthing area, summer and winter range.
- Deer, elk, and other wildlife would be driven from the area.
- Increased erosion and damage to vegetation near the trails.
- Risk to bike riders during hunting season.
- Risk of increased fires.
- Conflict with horse riders, hikers, hunters, wildlife viewers.
- Increase of noxious weeds due to soil disturbance and traffic.
- Difficult search and rescue in the area.
- Increase of vehicle traffic in the area.
- Increase of trash.

We request an Environmental Impact Statement be completed in addition to the EA for this project, including consideration of all impacts and mitigation efforts to be taken.

We also request a personal response to our letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary Chandler

/s/ Sandra Chandler

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