



21 December 2023

Gunnison District Ranger
Attn: Emily Nutgrass
216 N Colorado St
Gunnison, CO 81230

SUBJECT: Farris Creek Road (NFSR 736) Travel Management, Gunnison Ranger District Project #65229

Dear Ms. Nutgrass

Please accept this letter from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) as our comments for the Farris Creek Road (NFSR 736) Travel Management, Project #65229 in the Gunnison Ranger District. The TPA is a volunteer organization created to be a viable partner to public lands managers, working with the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiple-use recreation. The TPA acts as an advocate for the sport and works diligently to ensure that the USFS and BLM allocate a fair and equitable percentage of public lands access to diverse multiple-use trail recreational opportunities. The TPA is not a membership organization, but does have hundreds of supporters that enjoy multiple-use recreation throughout the State of Colorado. Our comments are as follows:

1. The TPA generally supports the Proposed Action to convert approximately 2.0 miles of NFSR 736 in the Gunnison Ranger District from a "Road Open to All Vehicles" to a "Trail Open to Vehicles 50" or Less in Width".
2. Support the installation of a 50" width restrictor at approximate mile point 1.7 on NFSR 736.
3. Recommend consideration of rehabilitation and restoration techniques within the "wet area" of concern that will maintain surface and subsurface drainage and allow motorized travel without causing excessive trail surface rutting, erosion and the collection or ponding of water (e.g., causeway, geocell, turnpike construction, French drain, etc.).
4. Recommend coordination and cooperation with local motorized recreation clubs like the Gunnison Valley Off Highway Alliance of Trail Riders (GOATS).

If you have any questions or desire to discuss our comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned at chad@coloradotpa.org or 719-221-8329

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
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Trails Preservation Alliance