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Comments: I appreciate this informal opportunity to review the preliminary draft plan and alternative maps. I found in my review that the preliminary direction fails to act on the integration requirements of NFMA, since the draft plan does not provide for the nature and purposes of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Integration would require establishing a CDNST Management Area in an optimum location with plan components that protect CDNST high potential route segments.

I encourage you to relook at the NFMA Rule and directives requirements for addressing designated areas and to review the comments that I submitted in March of 2015 that are attached. I have also attached the current version of a CDNST Planning Handbook that describes additional planning considerations and highlights a few NEPA process requirements.

I strongly encourage you to include at least one alternative that locates the CDNST MA as depicted in my scoping comments, which in part, connects the CDNST MA to the Roberson Ranch-Alamocita Creek property that is being acquired with substantial LWCF monies for CDNST purposes. This MA needs to be associated with plan components that protect the CDNST nature and purposes.

Please contact me at NSTrail@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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