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Comments: I encourage the USFS to review the attached Telluride Mountain Club Trails proposal (TMtC-Trails-Proposal-s2017-7.25.pdf) relating to trail improvements in the Telluride area. I encourage the USFS to consider how the Forest Plan Update may or may not facilitate implementation of improved and expanded trails.

Additionally, would like to see allowed uses on some lesser used USFS trails in the Telluride region opened up to Mountain Bikes. Local Mt. Bikers are often the only ones keeping some of the lesser used trail open (clearing fallen trees, etc). For example, the Whipple Mt. Trail south and east of the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness has very low use. The tail is no longer distinguishable in the lower Deep Creek drainage. It would be very easy to create a loop trail below the wilderness boundary which if open to Mt. Biking would most assuredly increase use so that the trail is better established and more usable for hiking and horseback as well. Connecting this loop to the Iron Mountain Trail, Deep Creek and Penelope's would be a huge improvement with very little effort.

Thank you.