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Comments: Hello, I have been made aware of the potential law to ban packgoats from the National Forest in CO. I want to tell you a bit about myself and my goats. I have two Nigerian Dwarf goats (miniature goats) who are pets to me. I am training them for hikes, and look forward to the opportunity to take them with me, as some may take a horse or a dog. Though I won't be riding them, I'd be walking with them, and they would be carrying their food and their/my water. :) I don't use them for hunting, and I'm very careful about what they eat in the wild. In the attached photo, they are eating blackberries, with permission of the landowner. If you ban packgoats, please be specific about why and which goats you are banning - does breed (miniature or full-size) matter? Are there simply responsibilities that you wish to have in place - as with dogs and/or horses? It seems there is a lot of room between allowing goats and banning them. Please take into consideration the fact that many of us now have goats as pets, and wish to bring them, responsibly, with us on our mountain/forest treks. Thank you.