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Comments: Plan Revision team,

I certainly appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed pack goat ban in SW Colorado that I'm opposed to.

Animal packing is part of Colorado's heritage. Among pack animals there are differences in personality, impact, and size of load. Goats rank at the far end of the packing spectrum with low pack weights and environmental impact. They are more human habituated, with goat packers as mom. They don't wander and run to keep up, huddle with you when threatened. Pack goats are companion animals and they are cared for at a level comparable to a working dog. They are not brush goats or sheep and should not be grouped with them. Problems created by summer grazing sheep and the powerful Colorado Woolgrowers Association is not related to pack goats.

Part of the US Forest Service Directive is promoting recreational opportunity and pack goats are just that. No science shows them as a threat to BHS. Please give older hikers the chance to continue overnight and through hiking. Also please watch the video Best Management Practices of NAPGA members. We care about BHS but pack goats are misrepresented and falsely blamed.

Thanks,

Bob Todd