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Comments: My name is Wendy Naessens. I work in private equity by day, but my true passion in life is motorcycle riding and teaching. I am a huge off-road enthusiast with over 12 years of riding experience.

I am also very passionate about the Backcountry Discovery Routes which includes the Colorado BDR that travels through GMUG. I haven't yet ridden the COBDR but had planned to do so within the next summer. I have hundreds of students each year that come to train with us in preparation for riding the BDR routes responsibly.

I recently read that BDR riders (as out-of-state visitors) have contributed over \$37.8 million in new motorcycle tourism to Colorado's economy as a result of the existence of the COBDR route.

One of the BDRs missions is to positively impact and help revitalize small and/or failing towns with our tourism dollars. That is one of the many reasons I love the BDR organization. Another is they put together some of the best off-road routes in the world and I plan to experience them all! I really hope the COBDR will be in that list!

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