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SUBJECT: Farris Creek Road (NFSR 736) Travel Management, Gunnison Ranger District Project#65229Dear Ms. NutgrassPlease accept this letter from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) as our commentsfor the Farris Creek Road (NFSR 736) Travel Management, Project #65229 in the Gunnison RangerDistrict. The TPA is a volunteer organization created to be a viable partner to public lands managers,working with the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) andColorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiple-userecreation. The TPA acts as an advocate for the sport and works diligently to ensure that the USFS andBLM allocate a fair and equitable percentage of public lands access to diverse multiple-use trailrecreational opportunities. The TPA is not a membership organization, but does have hundreds ofsupporters that enjoy multiple-use recreation throughout the State of Colorado. Our comments are asfollows:1. The TPA generally supports the Proposed Action to convert approximately 2.0 miles ofNFSR 736 in the Gunnison Ranger District from a "Road Open to All Vehicles" to a "TrailOpen to Vehicles 50" or Less in Width".2. Support the installation of a 50" width restrictor at approximate mile point 1.7 on NFSR736.3. Recommend consideration of rehabilitation and restoration techniques within the "wetarea" of concern that will maintain surface and subsurface drainage and allow motorizedtravel without causing excessive trail surface rutting, erosion and the collection or pondingof water (e.g., causeway, geocell, turnpike construction, French drain, etc.).4. Recommend coordination and cooperation with local motorized recreation clubs likethe Gunnison Valley Off Highway Alliance of Trail Riders (GOATS).If you have any questions or desire to discuss our comments, please feel free to contact theundersigned at chad@coloradotpa.org or 719-221-8329Sincerely,Chad HixonExecutive DirectorTrails Preservation Alliance