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Comments: I am writing to object to a deficiency in the

Draft Record of Decision for the

Pike and San Isabel National Forests Motorized Travel Management(MVUM) Analysis;

#48214;

Lead Agency: U.S. Forest Service in the U.S. Dept of Agriculture;

responsible official: Diana M. Trujillo, Forest and Grasslands Supervisor,

Pike and San Isabel National Forests Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands;

in the Pike National Forest and San Isabel National Forest;

in Chaffee, Clear Creek, Costilla, Custer, Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, Huerfano, Jefferson, Lake, Las Animas, Park, Pueblo, Saguache, and Teller Counties, Colorado.

I previously commented on this in October 2019 during the comment period:

Pike & San Isabel National Forests Motorized Travel Management (MVUM) Analysis #48214

Your comment has been received by our system on 10/12/2019

Your letter ID is 48214-3121-87.

In the preferred alternative, but probably in all the alternatives, the map should use the current alignments and trails in the Bear Creek watershed. The map apparently seeks to put the trails back into the Bear Creek watershed, rebuilding 720, putting 667 along Bear Creek, etc. The preferred alternative, and whatever alternative is ultimately selected, should accurately reflect the work, closures, restorations, and reroutes from the Bear Creek watershed EA protecting the greenback cutthroat trout. 720 does not exist and should be removed from the map. 701 and 668 have some reroutes that should be accurately reflected in the map and all other information. 667 had a major reroute, which should be accurately represented on the maps, but is not. When the maps are updated, they should be updated with what was ultimately constructed, which is not what is in the final EA decision. The EA had 667 on the south side of Kineo, but 667 ended up on the north side of Kineo. Please accurately represent the trails in the Bear Creek watershed on all the maps and in all the text for the EIS.

The maps in the draft record of decision show the trails in the Bear Creek watershed as they were before the final decision EA for the Bear Creek watershed in 2016. Trails 667, 668, and 701 were rerouted, with the old routes being decommissioned, and trail 720 was decommissioned, with the work done in 2016 and 2017. The link that I have to the Bear Creek watershed project on Forest Service's web site no longer works, but I have the Forest Service map of the rerouted trails from July 2017, which I can attempt to attach.

Also, CoTrex has the trails accurately represented:

<https://trails.colorado.gov/map/@38.798008,-104.905781,13.00z>

Information for the CoTrex map comes from the land managers.

The correction issued November 11 deleted the label for trail 720, but still shows the line for 720 on the map, but 720 was decommissioned, so the trail no longer exists. The maps need to be corrected, to accurately depict the trails in and around the Bear Creek watershed.

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and affects the trails in national forest land and also the trails depicted with gray lines through the inholding.

Trails 667, 668, and 701 need to be updated to accurately depict the current routes, including the parts through the inholding, the old segments of trail that the reroutes replaced need to be removed from the maps, and the line

that used to be labeled 720 needs to be removed from the maps. The trails in and around the Bear Creek watershed on the maps in the decision should match the trails shown in CoTrex and on the Forest Service Bear Creek map, and match what is actually on the ground. This needs to be changed on the maps in the decision.

I'll include as an attachment the map downloaded from the Forest Service web site, file I named mapBearCreek201707.jpg.

Thank you,
Carol Beckman