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Comments: Dear Dayle Funka,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the North Valley Trails Environmental Assessment.

1. Upper Upper to Brush Creek Trailhead: I still question the need for this trail. The vast majority of hiking on County Road 738 takes place in the winter months. I believe this will create more parking of vehicles at the start of this trail near the cattle guard. I do not support a wider than normal width trail. If built this trail should be as close to the road as possible and closed during livestock grazing season. How does USFS propose to keep users off such a visible route when closed?
2. Brush Creek Parking Expansion: I do not support the trailhead expansion. Currently there is parking allowed all along County Road 738, causing resource damage and private property conflicts. If the parking area is expanded there should be no parking allowed along County Road 738 until Tent City. How will the USFS mitigate the impacts to the Livestock Permittee in the area?
3. Upper Cement Creek to Crystal Connection: I support USFS Option 2.
4. Strand Bonus to 409: I support USFS Option 2.

All trails that are parallel to existing routes that are designed to get riders off the road should remain as close as possible to the existing route to prevent further fragmentation of the landscape.

Thank you for your time and consideration.