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Comments: Forsythe II Project comments

My name is John C. Jurcheck; mailing addresses are: 10340 Winona Court, Westminster, CO 80031 and PO BOX 541, Pinecliffe, CO 80471; phone 303-466-2550.

I am commenting on the portion of the Forsythe II Project that concerns the recommendations on roads, and pertains to a road in Sections 35 and 26, Township 1S, Range 72 West. This road is marked on recent website information describing the Forsythe II Project in the Nederland-Gross Reservoir area as 108.1, and is recommended for some sort of closure.

Background: The road in question is Dieter Drive of Gilpin County. It is approximately 1600 feet long from its beginning at the shoulder of State Highway 72 (in Section 35) to the end northwest of SH 72 (in section 26). Approximately 450 feet of this road traverses Forest Service land in the Project area, and these 450 feet are from approximately the 900-foot mark (starting from SH 72) to the 1350-foot mark, and cuts across the farthest corner of FS land in Section 26. The remaining portions of this road traverse private properties, for which easements exist from 1930. recorded in Gilpin County, or is across my property.

A parcel of property, officially described as the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 26, Township 1S, Range 72 West of the Prime Meridian, borders the FS/Roosevelt National Forest land to the west. This parcel has been in my family since 1904, when my great grandfather, William F. Dieter, and others, homesteaded this 40 acre site under terms of the Homestead Act of April 1820, from the General Land Office of the United States. On the noted parcel, a summer home (cabin) was constructed in 1912, the structure still stands, and is currently officially listed as Gilpin County Historical Site #7. I have owned this property since 1978, which I purchased from my parents. Since 1904 this far corner of the Roosevelt National Forest has been in constant use for access to the Dieter parcel and cabin. Since 1929 it has been used by automobiles. Topographically, this two-rut, unimproved dirt "road" is the only means of access for automobile sized vehicles to the Dieter (now, Jurcheck) parcel. At the end of Dieter Drive my wife and I have a more modern residence, built in 2006. This road has never been used by any persons other than the Dieter/Jurcheck parcel owners, their guests, and a rare trespasser. It has been maintained wholly by the Dieter/Jurcheck parcel owners, and is in constant use, except when snow levels prevent easy plowing/clearing. In the winters it is the "snowshoe" route.

Two years ago the Forsythe Project removed most of the trees from the corner of the Forest Service land that his road traverses. The slash remains on site to be burned at some later date.

Comment: It makes no sense to close a central piece of this road as the only connection to two private roads. Any change to the present status of this road would be devastating to me and deny access to my property. The use of this "road" as a path and wagon road from 1904 to 1929, and from 1929 to the present as an automobile road is essential, as it is the only means of access to my property and the two structures built upon it. Such long-term, benign use of this road as a sole access route for legitimate property uses should receive due consideration. I hereby request that this road (108.1) be removed from closure, decommissioning, revision, or

restriction proceedings in the Forsythe II Project status of roads listings ("Forsythe II Proposed Road Recommendations"), and any future projects concerning Section 26, Township 1S, Range 72 West.