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To Whom It May Concern,

I hope to express my opinion that the recreational, future infrastructure and the cultural and historical resources of our GMUG forest should be recognized as a main attribute to the GMUG Forests. It is my believe that the motorized and non-motorized recreational aspects will continue to increase within the GMUG National Forest and therefore should be recognized as a main priority within the upcoming Forest Planning process.

I wish to express my desire for the USFS to identify that non-motorized and motorized recreation is a valuable asset to our local GMUG forests. I would like to encourage the USFS to recognize the expansion of user made mountain bike trails and their acceptance into the USFS designated trail inventory, while the reduction of motorized trails and "open areas" continue to occur. I would like for the USFS to work with local motorized clubs and the motorized communities in an effort to better balance the inventory of motorized trails and "open riding areas" for summer and winter uses.

I also want to encourage the USFS to be selective when allowing for new timber and ranging permits. It is again my believe that one of our strongest attributes to the GMUG forests is within the recreational aspects which also have a direct cultural and economical significance to the local region.

Thank You, Matt Basham Ophir, CO