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Comments: Thank you for continuing to support sustainable multi use recreation in the Gunnison National Forest. My family lives in the Gunnison Valley and enjoys the various opportunities for recreation from camping, river use, hiking, mountain biking to motorized off highway use. I have found that there is a great mix of trail use and user groups throughout the Valley and am impressed with how well we all get along. Please keep the motorized, easy to access trails that are close to home open for motorized users as we use them often. I feel that motorized users are often targeted by other user groups who want to create a private experience on public lands. I have seen an increase in all users over the past several years which demands additional management, not limiting of one user group for personal benefit.

I would like to see better management of trailheads and parking, as well as more education on where users can go and trail etiquette. I spend several days a year volunteering to maintain and protect trail use as well as educate new users to the area. As a multi sport user I believe there is a need for additional trails and planning that would benefit all user groups.

I believe in the next few years there will be more electric motorized use. From mountain bikes, to dirt bikes, to vehicles, quiet electric vehicles are on the rise and we will start to see a shift. Motorized users care for the forest, resources and nature just as much as anyone else. I think this will have a huge impact on multi use trails by allowing people that demand they experience silence in nature to do so in more areas than the massive amount they already have available to them. I would never want to deny someone the ability to do what makes them feel good or most alive, or limit their recreational opportunities in any way on well managed public lands. It is not what our culture stands for or the direction we want to head to segregate recreational opportunities or areas further. Through proper education, use and cooperation among users, we can all continue to work together to protect our public lands and enjoy the experiences it offers. Please don't allow selfish people to remove recreational opportunities from people who value them dearly.