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Comments: USFS,

I am a forty-four year resident of Crested Butte. My concerns regarding the uses I see on the local forest service lands revolve around the increase in mechanized users. The visible damages to the trails and to formerly non-trail areas is dramatic. Along with that is the increased noise pollution and, of course, air pollution. The first time I heard any mention of global warming was by members of the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, in Gothic, CO back in the early 1980's so, yes I am a believer. Therefore, I find the recreational use of machines that burn fossil fuels to be about the least necessary form of CO2 emissions in our society. I would rather that a population that is about 40% obese be denied their polluting dirt bikes, ATV's and snow mobiles in an effort to reduce carbon emissions than for someone to be denied a means of getting to their job to support their families. Not to mention the physical damage to the more sensitive high altitude terrain that we have in this part of the world. And as for fracking and mining activities, which are even more damaging on a case by case basis, I believe these need to be curtailed stringently which will then force us to find ways to completely recycle what has already been mined so that mining can be a mention in a history book as a past reality. Fracking is so egregious that it shouldn't need to be mentioned here. At this point the handwriting is on the wall for fossil fuel extraction and it is hard for me to have sympathy for an industry that has made trillions of dollars from it over their long history and are willing to destroy some of the last natural places that are left as they seek to eke out the last trillions before they are true dinosaurs. And all this as the planet is in serious jeopardy of failing to be able to support life as we know it. They are the definition of greed at its absolute worst. Quit supporting them is my plea. they have had their day and now need to be ignored for the sake of leaving something good in the natural world. That's it.