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Comments: As a responsible, and older, off road rider I highly encourage the USFS to maintain, and expand, OHV riding opportunities throughout the Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forrest managed areas. I make multiple trips each year to these national forest recreational areas, and invest heavily in the local economies that surround them. My preference has been for motorcycle single track riding in the national forests. It is something that my parents first introduced me to at an early age. And, it is something that I have introduced my children to as they became of age. Off Road riding is a family affair that serves to strengthen the family bonds, and instill a sense of wonder, and appreciation, for the American forests that we are blessed to have to access to. Managing the needs of the many has never been an easy undertaking. Few things that are worthwhile ever are. However, maintaining existing OHV trails, as well as expanding riding opportunities into new forest areas, is worthwhile endeavor that continues to pay dividends now and in the future. We need to invest in America's youth, and we need to continue to provide them off road motorized outlets that they can direct their energies and passions to. All too often kids today spend their days on Social Media and other virtual realities that have no bearing on what is important in life. They do not learn how to interact with nature, nor do they learn responsible stewardship of America's assets. Off Road riding provides the essential outlet to accomplish this, and much more. It is not just an immediate gain, it is perquisite to continuing the American traditions and way of life. I encourage you to make the investment, and commitment, as I have.

Sincerely,

Joe Long