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Dear GMUG Planning Team,

Hello USFS-

I'm an avid user of the trails in Mesa Country and would like to voice my support for both maintaining and expanding the recreational opportunities and trails in these areas. Being a hiker, motorcyclist (dirt) and mountain biker has given me a wide exposure to different user groups and I firmly believe that all are equal and deserve consideration. Further, with careful consideration each of the communities can thrive provided we do not unnecessarily limit access. If we create artificial choke points, the user density reaches critical mass and conflicts and issues can occur. Of the 3 user groups I listed, I feel that motorized dirt bike is under represented - specifically moto single track. I'd like to encourage you to keep and extend motorcycle single track access and help keep this often disregarded user segment in healthy status by providing meaningful trail opportunities that will lessen the likelihood of conflict.

In closing, I'd like to underscore that these recreational opportunities through trails provide a significant economic impact to the local communities - please keep this forward momentum. I believe that slowing down this process - reaching out to the communities and using all resources (mapping etc) will yield the best results for years to come.

Sincerely, Mr Carl Taube 2549 W 2nd Ave Durango, CO 81301-5901 carl\_taube@hotmail.com