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More and more people are finding that motorized recreation (ATV's, Side by Side, Motorcycles) is a preferred means of recreation. More and more trails, particularly long distance trails are needed. It would be ideal if roads and trails could be developed that would link Montrose-Delta-Collbran-Silt-Meeker-Craig and on. It would be great if people in White Water could ascend Lands Ends and continue further into the forest. Open the roads that climb the Mesa from Palisade. (Goes by the Ute Water plant)

Some trails on the Grand Mesa were erroneously closed in the past. Some of these routes need to be re-examined and added back into the trail system. New trails need to be built to connect existing trails and roads.

No more wilderness areas. More public access for motorized recreation is needed, not less. If there is an area that meets wilderness criteria, then areas that were wrongly designated as wilderness should be returned to the public trail system.

Open, dispersed camping is one of the things that makes the GMUG attractive and fun. There are bad apples out there trashing up the place, but we are sick and tired of being punished for the actions of a few. Local clubs from Delta, Montrose and Grand Junction could be used to mitigate trashy campers.

Better co-ordination between Forest Districts needs to be developed. There are several places where trails could be used, except they cross over into the White River or Gunnison National Forests, and are closed at the boundary. Areas around Overland reservoir, Dry Owens Creek, the Battlements, are just a few.

Thank you

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