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Dear land manager,

I'm writing as a responsible motorized user of public lands to ask you to keep in mind the important aspect of this use in your upcoming planning.

I am a 54 year old man with a active family. I also hike, camp, ski and enjoy many other responsible uses of the forest. I believe in Wilderness and appropriate uses for different areas, but I also feel that motorized use is a acceptable and enjoyable way to explore and recreate on public lands. I spend money on off-road registration fees that promote responsible trail building (Butterknife in Grand Junction is a great example of partnership) and spend substantial money on lodging, food, fuel and supplies. My family also rides and that includes my wife and daughter, so this is a family activity. I participate in trail maintenance and repair volunteer projects, and advocate for responsible managed use of our National Forests and public lands.

Limiting or reducing the amount of motorized access will only force greater numbers of user onto more concentrated trails areas and potentially cause resource damage, as well as alienate a important and responsible segment of forest user.

I primarily ride motorcycles, so I'm partial to singletrack trails (and them remaining singletrack) and also responsible Jeep use. I am not a participant of ATV or side by side use, but I do respect their needs and access as well. Maintaining sustainable, thoughtful access for all user groups should be paramount in your process

Please try to keep these thoughts in mind as you formulate your plan.

Best Regards,

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