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Comments: I am writing in support of the CBMBA/GPLI plan for the Granite Basin area. To be clear I am primarily a hiker, with a clear love of wilderness and Wilderness designation. On the other hand, I would hate for the mountain bike community to lose access to one of the best trails in the valley, Eccher Gulch.

I hike Eccher almost every year, rarely encounter others, and am always impressed by the work that mountain bikers put into trail maintenance on this section. Hiker's do not put in the man hours to keep this trail clear. Mountain bikers do.

Please consider the SMA option over Wilderness for this area. Keep public lands public for all user groups already recognized as having access, and please recognize that groups like the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association do more for trails in this valley than any other user group. As a hiker I am thankful for their time and effort, and I support the CBMBA/GPLI plan.