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Comments: As a full size four-wheel-drive enthusiast and member of the Colorado OHV Coalition, I strongly support the proposal to designate 993.W1 as MLII system road open to all forms of motorized use by the public.

As the Forest Service correctly recognized in the Notice of Proposed Action, there is high public demand for access to this road, as evidenced by the numbers of people continuing to use it even though it is currently closed to motorized use. While I do not condone violating Forest Service closures in this manner, large numbers of people choosing to "poach" a specific trail provides evidence of strong public demand for that trail, and that perhaps that trail was improperly closed.

Given the clear public demand for access to this trail and its high value in providing access to a scenic overlook, the Forest Service should proceed with designating this road as a system road open to public motorized use as soon as possible.

Moreover, the strong demand for access to 993.W1 should be taken as an indication of broader public demand for increased motorized access in the area. The notice mentioned an additional 27 miles of roads in the area that were formerly closed to the public in the 2012 travel management plan, which will be temporarily re-opened to be used as haul roads.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to use this project as an opportunity to reconsider its original closure of these roads, and to work with OHV advocacy groups like COHVCO to determine if it would be appropriate to re-open some of these trails or to convert other temporary roads to system roads, in order to provide greater opportunities for motorized recreation in the Muddy Pass area.