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RE: Muddy Pass / Sheephorn Project

Ranger Truex,

Please accept these comments from Rocky Mountain Sport Riders (RMSR) in response to the Muddy Pass / Sheephorn Project NOPA. RMSR is a non-profit organization based in Eagle County, Colorado. We are dedicated to preserving and expanding single track motorized riding areas by working with federal land managers. RMSR currently represents over 1000 local recreationists who are concerned about the limited riding opportunities provided by the White River National Forest (WRNF). This project can be the first step in restoring the balance of multiple use in our local public lands by selecting an alternative action over the proposed action. The following page numbers refer to the NOPA document.

1. Page 8- The proposed action calls for closing non-system roads upon completion of use. RMSR requests an alternative that transforms these roads to single track motorized trails.
2. Page 10- The proposal refers to temporary roads used for harvesting to be obliterated. RMSR requests an alternative that transforms these roads to single track motorized trails.
3. Transforming roads to single track motorized trails enables these routes to be eligible for CPW OHV grant funds. Therefore, a lack of funds is not a determining factor to close routes opposed to transforming roads to trails
4. Page 11- The proposed action calls for seasonally opening 993.W1. RMSR is in favor of this action but points to this document quote, "...enforcement has proven ineffective and unmanageable due to its popularity". This comment explains the Eagle-Holy Cross districts approach to the management of single track motorized trails as well. The popularity of the use is undeniable and the management has been ineffective. RMSR supports the allocation of an equitable percentage of public lands dedicated to motorized recreation.

Ranger Truex, RMSR encourages you to consider an alternative that supports the original forest health proposal but extends the actions to satisfy the lack of multiple use recreation in this area.

Respectfully,

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