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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I have lived in the area since 2004 and have been riding at both of these areas for as long as I've lived here. I have seen an exponential increase in the use of our outdoor spaces. I appreciate that and appreciate the tremendous work the Forest Service does in being stewards for our public lands.

As an avid equestrian I am very involved in making sure our voice is heard. We are a small use compared to others, but we are a historic use. I am also a hiker and motorized user. It becomes harder as an equestrian, as areas become more populated, to find parking, thus having to travel farther out. While I enjoy the solitude of the backcountry and wilderness spaces, sometimes some front country riding is what I'm looking for.

I have seen the illegal routes created over the years in this area; I believe it's the nature of how things develop given the increased amount of users looking to recreate in our beautiful four corners area. Thank you for analyzing the project, keeping all uses in mind, as well as other important facets, not just recreation.

Signage, education, increased trailer parking are just a few of what this area needs and will need. I believe the number of users will only increase, we were just there this past Sunday and our four horses trailer rigs just about filled the parking lot, while a couple others had to go down the road. No, this doesn't happen every day, but it does happen.

Thank you for creating safer water crossings as the Trex bridges are slippery at times. The wooden bridge in the Rush Connector area is spongier than last year, so that probably needs to be checked.

Again, thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to continuing my enjoyment of these areas, as they are some of my favorite places to recreate.

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