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Comments: I support the proposed action for the Chicken Creek trails area. I live near the trails area and have watched as this area has become more and more popular with hikers, bikers, dog walkers and horseback riders. An increase in use has resulted in increased demand for trails. One of the most popular social trails in Chicken Creek runs along the Rush Ditch. It's popular with all users mainly because of its scenic quality and ready access to water. The proposed action makes this social trail into a system trail and furthermore creates a couple of loop options that will disperse users.

More trails and more users will in turn result in better economic options for the town of Mancos. At the moment, many trail users bypass Mancos in favor of trails in the Dolores, Cortez and Durango areas. Adding to the Chicken Creek trail system will ultimately benefit the entire town of Mancos as well as all users of the Chicken Creek trails themselves. It is a win-win for the entire area.

I also support the addition of two short, motorized segments of trail in the Golconda area. Adding these two motorized segments to the trail system will provide a large benefit for a very small cost.