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Comments: Dear GMUG planners,

I am a 4th generation resident of western CO, and have a good understanding of why some would want to restrict motorized use of OUR national forests. With the influx of so many people to the area it is taking it's toll, but with that said, there are varied interests for what is needed and should all be reviewed equally and taken seriously. Not everyone is able to hike, mountain bike or horseback ride to be able to enjoy our great state. Being able to access the high country on a snowmobile or motorcycle/ATV is giving a whole portion of our citizen the opportunity to experience that, that they would not be able to other wise. I also think that one of the biggest reasons to allow motorized use would be the funds it generates, which I think OHV fees actually fund projects outside of the motorized needs. Wouldn't keeping the availability of those funds be a huge reason to keep areas open because as far as I can see there are no fees for hiking, mtn biking or horses. Also the funding coming from those fees can be used for education and enforcement. Please consider the needs of everyone not just the vocal few.

Thanks,

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