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Comments: I would like to express my full support for the Rico Trails Project #56748. This project addresses some much needed improvements to the local trail system in the Rico area. The Lower Ryman trail has been in need of repair for some time and making this trail rideable by mountain bikes would provide the only link to the very popular Colorado Trail loops that is not on a FS road.

The Circle Trail provides another great loop option off of the Colorado Trail that is shorter than the really long options currently available. This trail has been ridden for years and has been the cause of many people getting lost trying to find it based on rumors and bad information. Making the trail official will allow for it to be properly maintained and marked to avoid these issues.

The Rio Grande Trail provides an important link from the town of Rico to other popular rides without having to ride on Highway 145 which is very dangerous with all of the RV and trailer traffic.

The Spring Creek Trail also provides a much needed link to other trails in the system and makes sense in location and routing.

Overall, all of these trail proposals will significantly improve the trail network and access for multiple user groups. They appear to be well thought out and routed. The Rico Trails Alliance has a proven track record of maintaining trails and working with other groups to get things done.

These trails also make the trail network around Rico much more "friendly" for people that are looking for shorter, better maintained trails. This should bring significant economic benefit to the town of Rico as people can start and finish rides from town and patronize the businesses there.

Thank you

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