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Comments: I would like to offer the following comments concerning the proposed Rico Trails Project #56748.

Circle Trail :

This is largely an existing trail which is currently being used by a small subset of the public. The formal addition of this trail to the USFS system will allow more people to use and enjoy this great connector. The trail links an old mining road in Silver Creek with the Colorado Trail. At points it is quite steep and may be susceptible to damage by motorized vehicles. As such, I strongly believe it should be open to only non-motorized travel

Rio Grande Trail:

This proposed trail would be a popular addition to the USFS system. Most trails in the region are steep and/or remote which limits the people that can use them. Families, fisherman, less fit, or the elderly could use this gentle route to access nature along the Dolores River. There are private properties along the northern end of this proposed trail which would be negatively impacted if this trail were to be open to OHV use. Further, motorized use of this proposed trail is unnecessary and potentially dangerous. Highway 145 parallels this trail and already provides access to the regions trails for the OHV users. Again, I strongly believe that the this route should only be open to non-motorized users

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.