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Comments: Hello,

I would like to voice my support for the Rico Trails Project. I'm an avid hiker in this region and I appreciate the value of the proposed Rico Trails Project. I have a full appreciation of the power of a good trail and its power to provide access to backcountry that is otherwise unreachable. A good trail is not only great for the well-being of the soul but also provides purposeful exercise, generates support for our wild lands and all the plants and animals that they contain and naturally, it could also help bring into the community additional tourism dollars. The proposed Rio Grande Southern trail could fulfill the need for an accessible and easy to negotiate trail for all levels of people. I strongly support the non-motorized status of the Ryman, Circle and Rio Grande Southern trails. I have shared many trails with hikers on foot, horses, bikes, bear, mountain lions, etc, but I've found that I avoid, whenever possible, trails that allow motorized traffic. I avoid a motorized trail not only for the noise level of the machinery but also for danger imposed by the differences in the speed of the travelers. Maybe most importantly I avoid motorized trails so that I don't have to walk on or witness the damage to backcountry trails that can be caused by a motorized vehicle.