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Comments: On behalf of Southwest Colorado Cycling Assoc. (SWCCA), I am commenting on the Sage Hen Motorized Trail #56766.

SWCCA supports the reopening of this route to OHV (motorized) access. We are not a motorized group, but we do have members that own e-bikes, and we believe non-motorized users will also utilize this trail. We recognize the importance of multi-use recreation and the positive impacts it can have on a community. SWCCA also supports the proposed barriers recommended in the project to keep motorized users on the designated route and off closed or non-motorized routes.

SWCCA is opposed to the seasonal closure being considered in this project. This would have a significant impact on numerous user groups that have been recreating in that area for decades. The proposed closure encompasses the entire Sage Hen area and includes 14 miles of non-motorized singletrack trail adopted by SWCCA. Due to the pleasant temperatures, melted snow, and rideable trail conditions, March and April are historically two of the favored months to use this singletrack trail. This is typically ahead of the trails at Boggy Draw, which are normally not rideable until May. If a seasonal closure is added, we request a shorter closure be considered.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this project.