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Comments: Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment.

After studying the Draft Environmental Assessment, I support implementation of the proposed changes to the Rico trail system and hope that impacts of human activities (of ANY kind) on wildlife, vegetation, and soils will be minimized.

I do have one concern about the proposed realignment and redesignations pertaining to the proposed Spring Creek Trail. It appears that illegally continuing southwest from the Spring Creek Trail onto the decommissioned Stoner Creek Trail would be possible. Administrative controls alone sometimes do not suffice to stop scofflaw uses. Will physical barriers be placed to deter such activities?

I also wish to note that higher levels of wildlife stress may be partly due to the increasing presence of dogs- particularly those not under the owner's physical control. Hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians often bring their dogs to the public lands, and every year it seems as though there are more of everything squeezing out the natural inhabitants. Please consider that all visitors potentially create negative effects on flora and fauna.

Again, thank you for the chance to participate in the public process.