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Comments: I am writing in regards to the Ryman section of the trails project. The proposal to make Ryman seasonally closed from May 15th until June 30 should not be considered. This trail is already highly used by hikers and bikers today, and similarly with the Salt Trail that does not have a closure in place. I personally have been on Ryman trail 3 times this year and never witnessed an elk. Elk have significant habitat to calf in the Hermosa Creek Wilderness area and no potential new trails will go in there for as long as that designation lasts, which is likely forever. Removing the ability for people to access this trail until June 30 would remove almost a month of typical use for recreationalists. This year, these trails were clear and being regularly used by May 23rd. No other place in Hermosa creek has a similar designation and I do not understand why Ryman would need to have this. Either a significant elk study needs to be published prior with the ability to comment on, or this should consideration should be removed.

I do not have any other concerns with the proposal. I am disappointed that previously the upper ryman trail was closed but this was not part of this current proposal. This trail would have provided a second smaller loop option with Lower Ryman as a climbing trail. This trail could have been sustainably managed with volunteer work.